### **WJAC-TV**

**Quarterly Problems Program Report** 

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## Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

К	EY TO PUBLIC AFF	AIRS PROGRAMMIN	NG
CHANNEL 6 NEWS	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
CHANNEL 6 NEWS	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	MONDAY - SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
CHANNEL 6 NEWS	11:00 PM - 11:35 PM	MONDAY - SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	MONDAY - SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY - FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATELINE	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT
DR. PHIĻ	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MONDAY - FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
CONNECTING WITH KIDS	7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	SATURDAYS, 10/23/04 & 11/6/04	22:00 CONTENT
JANE PAULEY SHOW	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	MONDAY - FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
PAB SENATORIAL DEBATES	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	SATURDAY, 10/2/04 SATURDAY, 10/9/04	58:00 CONTENT
CHANNEL 6 NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: DECISION 2004	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	SATURDAY, 10/30/04	47:00 CONTENT

### WJAC-TV PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

**DR. PHIL** – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host, Dr. Phil McGraw, offers expert counseling. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

CHANNEL 6 NEWS - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

*DATELINE* – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

*NBC NIGHTLY NEWS* – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

TODAY—An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday—Friday, 7:00 am - 10:00 am.

**CONNECTING WITH KIDS** – A national syndicated program that presents issues pertinent to the lives of young people. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows a documentary format with expert consultants and case studies. The show airs once a month Saturday evening 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

JANE PAULEY SHOW – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host is Jane Pauley, a news reporter / investigator. The show airs Monday – Friday, 12:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

*PAB SENATORIAL DEBATES* – A 2-part series of debates featuring candidates seeking the office of U.S. Senator in the state of Pennsylvania. The candidates answered questions addressing issues of concern for Pennsylvania voters. The show followed a debate-style answer / rebuttal format. The shows aired Saturday, 10/2/04 7:00 – 8:00 PM and Saturday, 10/9/04 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

CHANNEL 6 NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: DECISION 2004 – A news program that presented news reports relating to the General Election. The show was hosted by news anchor Marty Radovanic and informed viewers of voting method and site changes in various local municipalities, candidate positions on issues of local concern, how votes are tabulated locally, and the Electoral College process. The show aired Saturday, 10/30/04, 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

## QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT ASCERTAINED ISSUES OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, & DECEMBER 2004

- 1. METH LABS & OTHER CRIMES & LAW ISSUES
- 2. SOMERSET TEACHERS' DISPUTE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES
- 3. HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES
- 4. FLU SHOT SHORTAGE
- 5. CONSUMER ISSUES
- 6. FLASH FLOODING ISSUES
- 7. ELECTION ISSUES
- 8. JOB TAX, BUDGETS, & OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUES
- 9. FIRE SAFETY & OTHER SAFETY ISSUES
- 10. ACID ROCK & OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
- 11. JOBS / LABOR / ECONOMY / BUSINESS ISSUES
- 12. AGING ISSUES
- 13. WOMEN'S ISSUES
- 14. TEEN ISSUES
- 15. FAMILY ISSUES
- 16. TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

<sup>\*</sup>REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

## Public Service Announcement Listing 4th Quarter 2004 by Issues and Problems

Title	Organization	Description	Length	
ISSUE: CRIME / LAW				
"WALSH & ED SMART"	AMBER ALERT	SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT THE AMBER ALERT SYSTEM	:30	
"CORONER"	DRUG FREE PA	CORONER TALKING ABOUT DRUG ABUSE	:10	
"DABRUZIO"	AD COUNCIL	ED MCMANN SOLICITING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM	:30	
"NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH"	AD COUNCIL	ORGANIZING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS	:60	
ISSUE: EDUCATION				
HODED ATION OD A DUATION!	AD COLINOIL	MONTAGE OF KIDS TELLING ABOUT THEIR	00	
"OPERATION GRADUATION"	AD COUNCIL	MONTAGE OF KIDS TELLING ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND TO STAY IN SCHOOL	:30	
"BULLYING HOTLINE"	AD COUNCIL	KIDS STANDING UP TO BULLIES	:30	
"STREET VENDORS"	FAMILY LITERACY	DEALER SELLING STOLEN ITEMS – YOU CAN'T GET A GED ON THE STREET	:30	
ISSUE: HEALTH				
"MOMS ON MENINGITIS"	NATIONAL MENINGITIS	PARENTS WARNING OTHER PARENTS TO HAVE	:30	
*	ASSOCIATION	THEIR CHILDREN TESTED	:60	
			:15	
"SCHOOL"	AIDS AWARENESS	JANITOR CLEANING OUT EMPTY SCHOOL VOICE WARNING OF AIDS EPIDEMIC AMONG CHILDREN	:30	
"WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE"	ALCOHOLICS	HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM – THEY CAN HELP	:60	
	ANONYMOUS		:30	
"TONY"	DEPT. OF HELATH AND	TEEN TALKS ABOUT HIS PAST DRUG ABUSE &	:15	
TONY	HUMAN SERVICES	RECOVERY	:30 : <b>1</b> 5	
"DROWNING REV."	DRUG FREE	FATHER OF A TEEN TELLS WHAT HE WOULD	:10	
	PENNSYLVANIA	HAVE DONE HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT HIS SON'S ADDICTION		
"JIM"	DRUG FREE PA	FATHER OF A TEEN TELLS WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT HIS SON'S ADDICTION	:10	
ISSUE: ELECTIONS				
"CHANGE THE FACE OF	PROJECT VOTE SMART	ENCOURAGES VOTERS TO GET THE FACTS &	:30	
DEMOCRACY"		VOTE SMART		
ISSUE: GOVERNMENT				
"OUR TIME TO SERVE"	DEPARTMENT OF	ENCOURAGING AMERICANS TO SUPPORT OUT	:30	
	VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	TROOPS		

ISSUE: SAFETY ISSUES "TORNADO"	AD COUNCIL  WOMEN'S HELP CENTER  NAB  PA DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY"	PREGNANT WOMAN EATING / VOICE GIVES ADVICE FOR PRE-NATAL CARE EDUCATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  WARNS VIEWERS TO PAY ATTENTION TO WEATHER ALERTS	:30
AROUND  ISSUE: SAFETY	NAB PA DEPT. OF HOMELAND	EDUCATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  WARNS VIEWERS TO PAY ATTENTION TO WEATHER ALERTS	
"TORNADO"	PA DEPT. OF HOMELAND	WEATHER ALERTS	:30
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"HOMELAND SECURITY"			
		PA. DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL SECURITY	:30
ISSUE: FAMILYISSUES			
"7 STEPS TO PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN"	DARKNESS TO LIGHT	ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT SEXUAL ABUSE AND RAISE AWARENESS	:30
"KNOW YOUR CHILD"	GIRLS AND BOYSTOWN	PARENTS DESCRIBE THEIR CHILD – NOT KNOWING THE TRUTH BEHIND THE CHILD'S IMAGE	:60
"PLACES"	AD COUNCIL	CHILD ON-LINE TALKING TO POTENTIAL SEXUAL PREDATOR – WARNS PARENTS TO MONITOR ON-LINE USE	:30
ISSUE: TEEN ISSUES			
"NEW WHEELS"	PENNSYLVANIANS AGAINST UNDERAGE DRINKING	WARNS TEENS OF THE DANGERS OF DRINKING AND DRIVING	:30
"I AM"	GIRLS AND BOYS TOWN	TEEN DESCRIBES A PERCEIVED IMAGE – NOT A TRUE IMAGE	:60

10/4/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lindsey Arent

#### MISSING KIDS PICS

The number of missing children in this country has held steady over the past few years, despite the increase in rapid response tools, such as the Amber Alert. Now a new partnership between the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and a National School Potrait Company hopes to change that. Lindsey Arent reports.

1:00 - Package

Ernie Allen – Missing Children Expert Wayne Horntvedt – Lifetouch School Studies Linda Sinoway – Mother

10/5/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

#### **PHONE SCAM**

Western Pennsylvanians are under siege by sweepstakes phone scammers, maybe more than any other state in the country. Katie Collett reports that another family in our area was recently victimized.

2:00 - Package

Pat Eperjesi - Sweepstakes Scam Victim

10/8/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

#### **TEAM 22**

Seven counties in Pennsylvania are teaming up to make travel on Route 22 safer. The Tag Team 22 Program combines PennDOT workers, police, and DUI task force members at a series of check points to catch sppeders and unsafe vehicles. Katie Collett reports.

49 – Package

Kevin Stacey - PennDOT

10/8/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

#### PHILIPSBURG PRISON

After 4 years of legal wrangling, work will soon get underway on the Cornell Corporation's private prison facility near Philipsburg. :24 – VO

10/11/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

#### **DOWNTOWN CAMERAS**

After just a year in service, a citizen's advisory committee is suggesting the surveillance cameras in downtown State College may not be worth the cost to maintain them.

:35 - VO/SOT

Tom King - State College Police Chief

10/11/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

#### **SHOOTING / WEAPONS**

An accidental shooting in Johnstown over the weekend led police to a stash of high-powered weapons. The incident has neighbors concerned and police thankful the weapons are now in their custody. Mark Allen reports.

:58 - Package

Raymond Larue - Johnstown

Capt. Andy Frear - Johnstown Police

Tom Corbett - (R) Atty. General Candidate

10/13/04. 5:30 PM. Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**BULLY SURVIVOR** 

A new study shows that 60 per cent of chronic bullies will have criminal records by the time they reach age 24.

:39 - VO/SOT

Ruschelle Dillon - Women's Help Center

10/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, **Cary Sinderson** Thursday

**VICTIMS NOTIFIED** 

For victims of serious crimes, one of their worst fears is that the offender will suddenly show up again. A new Pennsylvania program is giving victims a new way to keep track of criminal cases, the Vine Program. Gary Sinderson reports.

:49 - Package

Martin Kovas - Centre County Warden

10/14/04, 5 PM. Thursday Jen Kallin

FAKE 20'S

Cambria County police are warning businesses to be on the lookout for some funny money after finding some fake 20's in Dale Borough.

:52 - VO/SOT

Cpl. Conrad Dill - Dale Police Dept.

10/15/04, 65 / 6 / 11 PM. Friday Natasha McBroom

**METH LAB RAID** 

Police found a meth lab in Bedford County today; it was in a school zone. The labs are highly volatile and pose tremendous dangers. Natasha McBroom reports on the signs of a meth lab.

:43 - Package William Higgins - Bedford County District Attorney

Sgt. Daniel Krauss - State Police

10/19/04. 5 / 6 / 11 PM. Tuesday Dave Roush

JAIL OVERCROWDING

There may be an end in sight to the overcrowding problem at Jefferson's County Prison, Prison officials announced plans for a building expansion that would make room for 150 more inmates. Dave Roush reports.

1:14 - Package

Paul Corbin - Jail Board Chair

10/19/04. 5 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

**BULLY SEMINAR** 

At a bullying seminar today held by officer Bill Tittle of the Johnstown Police Department. Johnstown middle school students were reminded that bullying is illegal.

:35 - VO/SOT

Officer Bill Tittle - Johnstown Police

10/21/04, PM. Thursday Gary Sinderson

**SC LIGHTING** 

After an increase in crime numbers in State College, more street lights became a priority. But with new budget constraints, the project to light up the downtown may be dimming. Cary Sinderson reports.

:45- Package

Mark Whitfield - State College Public Works Director

10/21/04. 6/11 PM. Thursday **Gary Sinderson** 

**PRISON SNAFU** 

Even though Centre County plans to open a new jail next year, the County Commissioners are admitting that they still plan to house some inmates out of the county. For a few years, that will still be a cheaper option. Gary Sinderson reports. :37 - VO

10/22/04, 5/6/11 PM. Friday Natasha McBroom

**ALTOONA DRUG RAID** 

A bust that happened Thursday night in Blair County netted the most cocaine in one location that agents have ever seen. Natasha McBroom reports that this will have a huge impact on cocaine use in this region.

1:09 - Package

Jim Walstrom - Narcotics agent

10/27/04, 5/6/11 PM. Wednesday Gary Sinderson **SCHOOL ASSAULT** 

How young is too young in terms of being accused of sexualt assault? In Centre County, a 12 year old has been charged in an incident police say took place in school. Gary Sinderson reports. :40 - Package

10/27/04. 5 / 6 / 11 PM. Wednesday Natasha McBroom

**ILLEGAL GUN BUYS** 

After a three year onvestigation, nine people in Blair County were arrested today for buying guns from gun shops and then trading them for drugs. The weapons were resold and then used in crimes. Natasha McBroom reports on the scheme.

:51 - Package

Trooper Dave White - PA State Police

### **CRIME & LAW ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER**

Jane Pauley Show

10/13/04

Host: Jane Pauley

Identity theft is the nation's fastest growing crime. According to the Federal Trade Commission, at least 27.3 million Americans have been victims of some form of identity theft within the past five years. Jane Pauley looks at how to protect ourselves from identity thieves lurking on the internet, at work, and in our own backyards. Show #: 101304 Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

11/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM.

Thursday

Marty Radovanic

SECURITY CAMERAS

State College leaders say they need more information before they can decide the fate of downtown surveillance cameras. While crime is down a bit where the cameras are located, in other sites, crime is up.

:42 - VO/SOT

Chief Tom King - State College Police Department

11/5/04. 5 / 6 / 11

PM. Friday Marty Radovanic

**UNDERAGE DRINKING** 

State College police say they are making arrests as a result of a program aimed at cracking down on underage drinking, arresting those individuals and retailers who give alcohol to minors.

:34 - VO/SOT

Sgt. Dana Leonard - State College Police

11/8/04. 5:30 PM. Monday Jen Kallin

**ROCK & RAIL** 

Criminal charges have been filed against Norfolk Southern by police in Portage. The railroad has not repaired a bridge overpass, from which rock is falling on a pedestrian walkway.

:55 - VO/SQT

Don Squillario - Portage Public Works

Christopher McCarthy - Portage

11/9/04. 5/6/11 PM.

Tuesday

**Gary Sinderson** 

LANDLORD CRACKDOWN

State college officials want to crackdown on properties where there's repeated citations or calls to police. A new ordinance would assess points against landlords when tenants get in trouble. Too many points would bring the loss of the housing permit. Cary Sinderson reports.

:43 - Package

Philip Wagner - PSU Off-Campus Union

11/9/04.

5/6/11 PM. Tuesday

Jen Kallin

#### **HELLER SIGN**

Logan Township businesses and residents are banding together to support Police Chief Ron Heller. The police department is being investigated by the State Attorney General's office in what appears to have started from a feud with supervisor Jerry Fulare. :34 - VQ

11/10/04. 5 / 6 / 11 **NORCAM VANDALISM**  PM. Wednesday Sara Burget

Police in Northern Cambria say vandals smashed the Christmas lighting that was put up in Fridman Park in advance of the annual light-up celebration there. Vandals have been active in the park before and residents are fed up.

:46 - Package

Gennaro Cantalupo - Northern Cambria mayor

Denny Pompa - Morning show host

11/10/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

**LOGAN SHOWDOWN** 

There was a township meeting in Logan Township tonight where Natasha McBroom reports there was a lot of criticism for township supervisor Jerry Fulare and support for police chief Ron Heller. 1:14 – Package

Jerry Fulare - Township Supervisor

11/16/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

**SC HOUSING** 

Now that State College Borough Council has adopted regulations penalizing landlords if tenants get in trouble, surrounding communities may also adopt the regulations.

:51 - VO/SOT

Jeff Kern - State College Borough Council

11/17/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**MAGISTRATE SECURITY** 

Local magistrate offices are getting stepped up security because those accused of crimes go in and out all day, but staffers have little protection from them.

:30 - VO/SOT

Maxine Ishler - Centre County Administrator

11/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Dave Roush

**BIG DRUG BUST** 

After months of investigation, a multiple-county drug ring has been broken up, with 49 people arrested and \$77,000 of heroin and thousands in cash confiscated. Dave Roush reports that law organizations want drug dealers to know they are not safe in this area.

1:05 – Package

Todd Caltagarone - Saint Mary's Police Chief

11/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Cary Sinderson

**P'BURG POLICE** 

Across Pennsylvania, a growing number of rural and smaller communities are struggling to afford adequate police protection. Cary Sinderson reports that in Centre County, they're looking at using the county sheriff's men to address the problem.

:46 - Package

Denny Nau - Centre County Sheriff

11/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

**LOGAN POLICE FLAP** 

After months of investigation, the State Attorney General's office has ruled there is no misconduct within the Logan Township Police Department. Natasha McBroom reports that now some are calling for the new police chief to be made permanent in his position.

1:30 - Package

Dr. Frank Meloy - Township supervisor

11/18/04, 5 / 6 PM,

Thursday

**Gary Sinderson** 

**POLICING COSTS** 

The Centre County sheriff wants his staff to help patrol in Philipsburg where vandalism cases are on the increase. But who will foot the bill for the added patrols? Cary Sinderson reports.

:45 - Package

Chris Exarchos - Centre County Commissioner

PM.

11/19/04, 5 / 6 / 11

Friday

Denise Douglas

**PHILIPSBURG PATROLS** 

County deputies begin this weekend providing extra patrols on Fridays and Saturdays during the evening when vandalism has become a problem. Denise Douglas reports.

1:10 - Package

Anthony Gallucci - Grattan's Pharmacy

11/22/04. 5 / 6

PM, Monday

Gary Sinderson

**CHURCH VANDALISM** 

Administrators are saying that the graffiti vandalism at a State College church was not a random act of violence. Cary Sinderson reports.

:45 - Package

Tom Jacobs - St. Paul's Church

11/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM,

Monday Sai

Sara Burget

**POLICE CHASES** 

The purpose of a police chase is to get the bad guy, but there is a lot of risk. After an officer was severely injured in a pursuit this weekend, Channel 6 News wanted to know what kind of training police go through and what kind of policies do local departments have about these chases. Sara Burget reports.

2:25 - Package

Fred Kline - IUP Training Center

11/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Monday

Marty Radovanic

**CLICK IT TICKET** 

Drivers on the road across the region may have to shell out more cash if they're caught not wearing their seatbelts. This holiday weekend, there's a campaign and checkpoints set up throughout the region.

:46 - VO/SOT

Sgt. Rodney Williams - DuBois State Police

11/23/04. 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Tuesday [

Mark Allen

REPEAT DUI OFFENDERS

After Jamie Helligas, a local man convicted of drunk driving and killing his girl friend in the incident got out of jail, he didn't appear to have learned anything. He has been arrested several more times in drunk driving incidents. Now, the dead girl's relatives want to know what it will take to get him off the road. Mark Allen reports.

:55 - Package

Mrs. Stephens - Sherry Stephens' mother

11/23/04. 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

**DUI PROBLEM** 

According to the Pennsylvania DUI Association, 65 per cent of all DUI arrests are people that have been arrested at least once before.

:44 - VO/SOT

Pattie Stefanik - Cambria County MADD

5/6/11 11/23/04.

PM.

Tuesday

Sara Burget

**MEGAN'S LAW** 

The State is making changes to Megan's Law that add penalties for trying to lure a child into a vehicle. The changes will make a difference for officers tracking sex offenders. Sara Burget reports. :48 - Package

Trooper Steve Barto - PA State Police

11/23/04. 5:30 PM.

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

**COPS CRACKDOWN** 

Police in Altoona will be watching drivers closely during the holiday weekend to see if they are wearing seatbelts.

:40 - VO/SOT

Lt. Mike Lowery - Altoona Police

11/23/04.

PM.

Tuesday

Jen Kallin

**PHILIPSBURG PATROLS** 

The added police patrols planned for Philipsburg won't hit the street until after Thanksgiving, Now there are staffing issues that must be resolved.

:38 - VO/SOT

Denny Nau - Centre County Sheriff

11/24/04.

5/6/11 PM, Wednesday

Mark Allen

**DRUG SWEEP** 

A major drug bust in Cambria County has landed 25 people behind bars. Officials are crediting local

community members for bringing the suspected dealers to justice. Mark Allen reports that the eyes and ears of the people of Nanty Clo and Portage made the arrests possible.

:47 - Package

Kevin Price - Drug Task Force

11/29/04.

6 / 11

PM.

Monday

Marty Radovanic

1<sup>ST</sup> DAY TRESPASSING

Westmoreland County property owners are not happy that deer season has started. They say hunters trespass on their land and that the rules of hunting are not being enforced. :58 - VO/SOT

Ed Piurkowsky – Property owner

11/30/04. 11

PM.

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

MISSING DNA

New legislation just signed into law will help identify remains. DNA from missing persons will be put in a state data base so comparisons can be made when remains are found. :43 - VO/SOT

Denny Kwiatkowski – Cambria County Coroner

11/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett **PHONE SCAM** 

Another phone scam is targeting the region. Katie Collett caught the scam artist on tape. She reports on the message that scam artists use – "you won, but you need to send us money to claim your winnings.

1:36 - Package

Gary Hoffman - Phone Scam target

### **CRIME & LAW ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER**

Jane Pauley Show

11/04/04

Host: Jane Pauley

With the influx of shows like CSI: New York, viewers are becoming fascinated by the inner workings of law enforcement and crime scene investigations. Jane Pauley goes with the real life investigators that take what we see on TV to a whole new level.

Show #: 110404

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

12/1/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

**PRISON BUDGET** 

Cambria County's prison is losing money because it has too many prisoners from within the county and is thus unable to rent out beds to other counties.

·48 - VO/SOT

P.J. Stevens - Cambria County Commissioner

12/1/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

SPYWARE

Spyware is a computer virus that can spy on you, steal your credit card numbers, drain your bank accounts, and then destroy your computer. Katie Collett reports on dealing with spyware.

2:17 - Package

Stan Wozniak – Flood City Internet

Joseph Karwoski - Computer coordinator

12/6/04, 11 PM, Monday Denise Douglas

**DOWNTOWN CAMERAS** 

The State College Borough Council has agreed to move a surveillance camera to Calder Way. They discussed tonight whether the cameras are cost effective and if moving one to an area of increased crime will help Denise Douglas reports.

:53 - Package

Bill Welch - State College mayor

12/6/04, 6 PM, Monday Katie Collett

**IDENTITY THEFT** 

Identity theft can take you for all your worth, and it's the fastest growing crime in the United States. Several on the nation's leading authorities met in Harrisburg today to discuss how to tackle the crime. Katie Collett reports.

1:10 - Package

Walter Phillips, Jr. - PA Crime & Delinquency

12/7/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

**RISING COURT COSTS** 

Hi-profile events like the trial of Peter Serrano in State College are rapidly increasing county court costs, straining tight budgets. Gary Sinderson reports on the problem.

1:00 - Package

Karen Muir - Rosengrant Attorney

Chris Exarchos - Centre County Commissioner

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

12/8/04. 5 / 6 PM. Wednesday Sara Burget

**CHRISTMAS CRIME** 

As the number of holiday shoppers increases, so does the potential for holiday crime. They say women's purses are the main targets of thieves.

1:03 - VO/SOT

Det. Kevin Lehman - Richland Police Department

12/8/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**FIRE LANES SHOPPING** 

Police and security officers at area shopping centers are warning people not to park in the fire lanes or pay the price for this convenient but dangerous habit.

:45 - VO/SOT

Kevin Lehman - Richland Police Department

12/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

PHILIPSBURG PATROLS

The recent added police protection in Philipsburg is coming to an end because the County Sheriff says no one is going to pay the bill. Gary Sinderson reports.

:54 - Package

Denny Nau - Centre County Sheriff

12/9/04, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

**LOGAN CHIEF** 

The Logan Township Board of Supervisors has extended Chief Ron Heller's probation by another 6 months. They won't go into details on why they won't confirm the popular chief. :44 – VO/SOT

Frank Meloy - Logan Township Board of Supervisors

12/13/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

**PHILIPSBURG PATROLS** 

Residents in Philipsburg are upset about the town's police coverage and are planning to take their concerns to the Borough Council. Some businesses have been the victims of vandalism.

:43 – VO/SOT

Denny Nau - Centre County Sheriff

12/13/04, 11 PM, Monday Denise Douglas

**VANDALISM** 

Residents in Philipsburg are demanding that a permanent local police force be put back on duty. Denise Douglas reports that they cited the increase in incidents of vandalism and even armed robbery.

1:37 - Package

Tammy Bone - Rachel's Bakery

John Steiner - Maytag Appliance

12/13/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

**ONLINE SHOPPING** 

There has never been a better or more dangerous time to shop on-line. Phishing, the practice of sending e-mails to ask people for their account numbers in order to use them for illegal purchases, is thriving.

:49 - VO/SOT

Al Diguido - Bigfoot Interactive

12/15/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**DRINKING GRANTS** 

Indiana, Pennsylvania will get part of a one million dollar grant from the PA Liquor Control Board to fight underage drinking.

:25 - VO

12/16/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom **DRUG BUST** 

After a major drug bust today, taking \$13,000 worth of heroin and crack cocaine off the street, Tyrone police say the drugs are coming into the area from Pittsburgh and New York with local people providing the connection. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:16 - Package

Randy Feathers - Drug Task Force

12/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

**BLAIR DRUG RAID** 

Police in Blair County continue their campaign to push drug dealers out of the county. Another raid this morning incorporated over 100 officers. Natasha McBroom reports on the effort to discourage dealers from coming to Blair County.

1:27 - Package

Jerry Pappert - Attorney General

12/17/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

PHILPSBURG MEETING

Centre County leaders are saying that somebody has to pay for putting more sheriff's deputies on the streets of Philipsburg.

:45 - VO/SOT

Chris Exarchos - Centre County Commissioner

12/20/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

**MOCK DUI TRIAL** 

Students at North Star High School got to see what goes on during a trial for murder committed while driving under the influence. Officials from Somerset County want teens to know the dangers and think seriously about the consequences.

:48 - VO/SOT

Kylee Walker - Watched mock DUI trial

12/21/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

**DRUG RAID MONEY** 

Drug raids like those that happened last week in Blair County come with hefty price tags. Jailed dealers are often addicted and need medical care to cope with the addiction in prison. Natasha McBroom reports

:45 - Package

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner

12/28/04, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Dave Roush

JEFFERSON JAIL

Jefferson County's jail board says they are considering handing the reigns over to a private firm because the jail has been plagued by problems. Dave Roush reports. :57 – Package

Paul Corbin - County Commissioner

12/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Sara Burget **METH LABS** 

Meth labs can be set up from products you have in your own home. They are becoming a serious problem in Bedford County, with the discovery of 3 meth labs in 3 months. Sara Burget reports on the dangerous situation and how meth lab builders are taking cover in the county's wooded areas. 1:20 – Package

Bill Higgins – Bedford County District Attorney Cecil Cessna – Bedford County resident Rose Wilhelm – Bedford County resident

Deana Yokum - Bedford County resident

12/31/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett **DRINKING LIABILITY** 

It is important for party hosts to understand that they are legally liable for the safety of their guests as they go home. This is particularly important if the host is serving liquor. Katie Collett reports.

1:03 – Package D.C. Nokes – Attorney Daniel Wehner – Emergency Medicine Gary McDivitt – Taxi Service

### NBC -CRIME ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER

NBC Nightly News **Tuesday, 12/14**Internet fraud is on the irse. What should you know before making on-line purchases.

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10/1/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**HOME SCHOOL CHALLENGE** 

A couple in the Homer Center School District is suing the district over reporting requirements in the state's home-schooling law. :26 – VO

10/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Denise Douglas

PHEAA RUNNING SHORT

Officials at the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency are concerned that they may be running short on money to fund the grants they give students for their education. The amount of college costs covered by those grants continues to slip as well. Denise Douglas reports.

1:05 – Package

10/4/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

**ONE-SPORT ATHLETE** 

High school athletes use to play many sports during the school year. But now they are being pressured to specialize in one sport to the exclusion of everything else. Lisa Stofko reports. 1:47 - Package

Webb Worthington – Age 18 Dr. George Williams – Psychologist Andria King – College Track Coach

10/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Denise Douglas

**MOORE VISIT FLAP** 

Some students at Penn State are opposed to having their activity fee go toward a \$30,000 speaking fee for Michael Moore. The students don't feel it is appropriate to have such a biased liberal figure speak at the expense of all students. Denise Douglas reports.

1:23 - Package

Kimberly Vissichelli – Against Moore speech Robert Arcamona – College Democrats Bill Mahon – Penn State spokesman

10/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

**CHAMBER / SCHOOL START** 

The Allegheny Mountains Convention and Visitors Bureau say that to better serve businesses that revolve around the summer tourist season, the start of school should be pushed back to after Labor Day. Many area parks use high schoolers as their workforce. Natasha McBroom reports on reaction from parents and schools.

:51 - Package

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

Cheryl Ebersole - Convention Center

10/7/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

PEER MEDIATION

Today, a day-long training session was held for high school students in DuBois to become "peer mediators." It provides an opportunity for students to help their fellow students talk through their problems to reduce school fighting.

:43 - VO/SOT

Danielle Kaizer - Peer mediation

### WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: SOMERSET TEACHERS' DISPUTE & OTHER **EDUCATION ISSUES . . . OCTOBER**

10/8/04. 5 PM. Friday Lisa Stofko SAT

There can be a lot of pressure on college-bound students to perform well on their SAT's. But is that the most important criteria for acceptance into college? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:01 - Package Blake Tallmadge - Age 17

Pam Tallmadge - Mother

Tom Fischgrund, PhD - SAT - The Perfect Score

10/11/04. 11 Katie Collett PM. Monday

SOMERSET DEAL

Somerset teachers offered the school board a new contract proposal, but tonight the board said "no deal." The board says the teachers have widened the gap between them with this offer and moved farther away from a solution. Katie Collett reports.

1:08 - Package

John Coleman - School Board President

10/12/04, 5/6/11 PM. Tuesday **Gary Sinderson** 

**FRAT HEARING** 

There was a heated meeting tonight as the State College Borough Council met with Penn State Fraternity representatives about needed changes. There were pointed accusations from council members on issues ranging from underage drinking to houses needing repairs. Cary Sinderson reports.

1:03 - Package

Vicky Triponey - PSU Vice president

10/12/04. 5:30 PM. Tuesday Lisa Stofko

**RAILS TO TRAILS** 

Kids in the Alternative Education Program at Moshannon Valley Junior Senior High School have found a hand-on way to learn that is creating enthusiasm for learning and helping the community. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:27 - Package

Patrick Baney - History Teacher

Dustin Finch - 10th Grader

Alicia Hite - Alternate Education Coordinator

Tim McGarry - 10th Grader

10/13/04. 5/6/11 PM. Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**MILITARY STUDENTS** 

More and more Penn State students are trading their books for military gear, as the number of reserve students called to active duty continues to climb.

:42 - VO/SOT

Eric Witmer - Army National Guard

5/6/11 10/13/04. PM. Wednesday **Gary Sinderson** 

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

A dozen school superintendents from our area joined 400 others from Pennsylvania in signing a petition aimed at making changes to the "No Child Left Behind" Act. Gary Sinderson reports on what educators claim is too unrealistic and too costly.

1:05 - Package

Patricia Best - State College School District

Thomas Giles - West Branch School District

Dr. Robert Lees - Penns Valley School District

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PM,

Thursday

Marty Radovanic

LICHTS ON

The Johnstown School District is joining the national Lights On program by putting the varsity football players to work as mentors to younger students.

:51 - VO/SOT

Bob Kolar - Cambria County Sheriff

10/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Thursday

Denise Douglas

**CHRISTIAN LAWSUIT** 

A Christian student group has slapped a lawsuit against Penn State University, acusing them of discrimination, Denise Douglas has the details.

1:04 - Package

Bill Mahon - Penn State University

10/15/04, 5:30

PM,

Friday

Lisa Stofko

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Cuts in state and local spending across the nation are causing shortfalls for school districts. One of the casualties of belt-tightening is a cut in school psychologists. How does that affect the school environment? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:10 - Package

Kristen Wilson - Age 16

Anne Ferris – School Psychologist

Frank Smith - Director of School Psychology

10/18/04, 5:30

PM,

Monday

Marty Radovanic

**AFTER SCHOOL** 

After a long day at school, most kids want to go home and watch TV. But a new after-school program at Claysburg-Kimmel Elementary is centered around helping kids enjoy learning. :45 – VO/SOT

Mrs. Ocker - 4th Grade Teacher

10/20/04, 5:30

PM.

Wednesday

Marty Radovanic

**CYBER BULLYING** 

School counselors say there's a new kind of bullying in junior highs and high schools across the country. Cyber bullying is intimidation that comes in the form of on-line insults. :37 – VO

10/20/04, 5:30

PM.

Wednesday

Lisa Stofko

SCHOOL SPIRIT

School spirit is not like it use to be. More and more kids are feeling less of a connection to their school. Lisa Stofko examines why.

1:48 - Package

Jordan - Age 15

Amber - Age 15

Bonnie Greenberg - Learning Specialist

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10/22/04. 5 / 11

PM,

Friday

Marty Radovanic

START DELAY

Kids in the Altoona School District can look forward to a later school start next year. That way they can work one more week at area businesses that need their help.

:43 - VO/SOT

Tom Bradley - Altoona Area Schools

10/25/04. 5:30 PM.

Monday

Lisa Stofko

**ALCOHOL POISONING** 

In the past month, 5 college students across the nation have died from alcohol poisoning. Why would they do it to themselves? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:46 - Package

Dr. Robert Margolis - Addiction Specialist

10/27/04. 5 / 6

PM.

Wednesday

**Denise Douglas** 

**BULLY SEMINAR** 

Bullying is the source of all suicides among kids and 160,000 kids stay home each day to avoid being bullied at school. In Altoona today, students heard that together, the students outnumber the bullies and they need to stick together to fight bullying.

:47 - VO/SOT

Dr. Allan Beane - Guest speaker

10/27/04,

PM.

Wednesday

Lisa Stofko

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School can be a major turning point in a student's life. It's a time of great transition on the academic and social front. Lisa Stofko reports on the need to help students during those important vears.

1:48 - Package

Toi Beavers - Counselor

5:30

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PM, Monday

Lisa Stofko

**BMI TESTS** 

The Federal government is stepping into the fight against childhood obesity by legislating measures to check the BMI of students annually. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:43 - Package

Ngan - Age 16

Bevelvn - Age 17

Robin - Age 16

David - Age 17

Mary Danielak - PsyD, Psychologist

11/4/04. 11

PM.

Thursday

Katie Collett

#### **BERLIN SCHOOL BOARD**

Berlin-Brothersvalley School District spent over a million dollars on renovations to their football stadium. Now one man is on a mission to see that spending is geared more toward education than sport. Katie Collett reports.

1:02 - Package

Harold Hauger - Berlin tax paver

11/5/04. 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Friday

Natasha McBroom

#### **GLENDALE FIGHTERS**

After an F-16 fighter let misfired during target practice and hit a New Jersey school, concern were raised about the possibility of that happening at the Glendale schools where fighter jets can be seen flying close by all the time. Natasha McBroom reports on the worries.

:56 - Package

Dr. Dennis Bruno - Superintendent

11/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM. Friday Sara Burget

#### **GJSD FORFEITURE**

The state has ordered the Greater Johnstown School District to pay almost 100,000 dollars after a recent audit showed 14 teacher certification errors. Sara Burget reports.

1:01 - Package

Barbara Parkins - Superintendent

11/5/04.

5/6/11

PM.

Friday

Denise Douglas

#### **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

A controversial Tax Relief Act that takes proceeds from gambling to lower school property taxes is under consideration in the Bellefonte School District. Denise Douglas reports it's a tough moral issue for some.

1:06 - Package

Polly Snadely - Bellefonte

Delores Castle - Bellefonte resident

11/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Wednesday

Mark Allen

#### **TAX RELIEF FORMS**

When the state legislators legalized slot machines, they said it would create billions of dollars in revenue and bring school tax relief to property owners. But now that property owners have been given a chance to apply for the relief, they are not returning the forms. Mark Allen reports on why. :53 - Live & Package

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SOMERSET CONTRACT

The Somerset School Board met with the teachers' union today to present what they called a new unique offer.

:39 - VO

11/12/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

**FINANCIAL AID** 

The costs of college continue to rise. But more and more families are assuming their children aren't eligible for financial aid. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:51 - Package

Lakai Newman - Age 19

John Sisk - Financial Aid Officer

11/15/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

WINNING

We'd like to think that our children learn good values when they're part of a school sports team. But a new survey suggests they are learning to win despite anything. Lisa Stofko reports. 1:54 – Package

Dr. James Millhouse - Psychologist

11/15/04, 11 PM, Monday Denise Douglas

**HUNT LERTA VOTE** 

The Huntingdon School Board voted tonight against approving funding that would help pay for the infrastructure of a new Wal-Mart in Smithfield Township. Denise Douglas reports that they felt the money could be better-used elsewhere.

:46 - Package

Cliff Beaver - School Board member

11/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

**NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND** 

The "No Child Left Behind" law was created to ensure that every child learns to their full potential. But some teachers and administrators say the goals for special ed. Students are impossible to reach and the required testing hurts the students both emotionally and mentally. Katie Collett reports. 1:05 – Package

Jana Bickerstaff - Learning support teacher

11/18/04, 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

CONEMAUCH TWP DRUG MEETING

Parents and students in the Conemaugh Township School District met tonight to discuss the implementation of random drug testing. No definite decision about testing has been made. :46 – VO/SOT

Dave Koba - Conemaugh High School Principal

11/19/04, 5:30 PM. Friday Lisa Stofko

**READING COMP** 

According to a new national study, a large majority of students aren't making the grade when it comes to reading comprehension. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:46 - Package

Jeffrey Grabe - Age 13

Nancy Grabe - Mother

Dr. Marla Shapiro – School Psychologist

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Marty Radovanic

SOMERSET CONTRACT

Somerset teachers once again rejected a contract proposal from the School Board. This proposal did not include back pay for retired teachers or those who've left the district but worked there during the time of no contract.

:46 - VO/SOT

Mary Critchfield - Somerset Area Education Association

PM.

11/19/04, 5 / 6 / 11

Friday

Katie Collett

**COMPUTER VIRUS** 

Despite the fact that their computer anti-virus program is updated every hour, the Central Cambria School District had a complete computer failure today after a virus sneaked in to their system. Katie Collett reports.

:47 - Package

Dr. Joseph Karwoski – Computer teacher

11/22/04, 5:30

PM,

Monday

Lisa Stofko

**CAREER COURSES** 

Many college students are studying finance and business administration in anticipation of a career in business. But some say, "Why no begin those studies in High School?" Lisa Stofko reports. 1:48 – Package

Chad Gazzola - Age 17

Steve Fortenberry - Finance Academic instructor

Ed Gazzola - Father

11/23/04, 5 / 6

PM,

Tuesday

Natasha McBroom

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Research shows that young children at pre-kindergarten level, typically between the ages of 3 and 4, are ready to learn and take in information. So why isn't the State helping to fund Head Start and Pre-School programs? Natasha McBroom reports.

:54 - Package

Cheryl Tyler - Teacher

11/30/04,

5:30 PM,

Tuesday

Mike Maichrowitz

**RECRUITER BAN** 

A coalition of universities won a legal judgment today allowing them to ban recruiters to protest military policies without losing their federal funding. Mike Majchrowitz reports.

1:00 - Package

Chai Feldblum - Law Expert

Todd Gaziano - Heritage Foundation

11/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM, Tuesday

Gary Sinderson

**PSU IMPACT / DOLLARS** 

Penn State is the state's largest economic generator, more than 6 billion dollars every year. There are worries that too much of the money comes from tuition revenue and that there will be future cutbacks. Gary Sinderson reports that any impact on the university will affect all 67 counties in the state.

:58 - Package

Chris Exarchos - Centre County Commissioner

Craham Spanier - Penn State President

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12/1/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

**PSU & DICKINSON** 

Dickinson College is continuing discussions with Penn State about bringing a law school to State College. The idea was thought to be dead, but suddenly Dickinson is showing interest.

:38 – VO/SOT

Graham Spanier - Penn State President

12/1/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

**ENGINEERING SHUNNED** 

The number of high school graduates pursing careers in engineering has barely risen in three decades. Experts say something has to change. Why is this happening? Lisa Stofko reports. 1:53 – Package

Cailie Reis – Age 17 Brett Tucek – Age 18

Glenn Allen - Mechanical Engineer Professor

12/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SCHOOL FUNDING

Private and charter schools statewide are taking advantage of a new funding option to encourage corporate donations. St. Johns the Evangelist School in Bellefonte got a \$10,000 gift today. :36 – VO/SOT

John O'Connell - Bravo Foundation

12/2/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

**EQUIPMENT / PHNOE BILLS** 

Many schools across the state will be getting new computer equipment, but it is going to cost tax residents on their phone bills. The newly signed Telecommunication Bill overhauls policies addressing computer access, adding about 20 cents per month to phone bills.

:38 – VO/SOT Sen. Jake Corman – ( R ) 34<sup>th</sup> District

Marla Fannin – PennDOT District 2-0

12/3/04. 5:30 PM. Friday Lisa Stofko

**TEST TAKING** 

Have you ever wondered why some teens get good grades on all their homework, but fail their tests? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:40 - Package

Marla Shapiro - Psychologist

12/3/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**GIRL BULLIES** 

Adolescent health experts say a growing number of girls are engaging in bullying. That's why a Penn State professor has designed a program to teach educators how to specifically handle female bullies.

:35 - VO/SOT

Cheryl Dellasega – Penn State Professor

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12/8/04, 5:30 PM,

Wednesday

Lisa Stofko

**READY FOR COLLEGE?** 

Is your high school senior prepared for college? Lisa Stofko reports that in most cases the answer is no.

1:50 - Package

Jon Erickson – Act Educational SVS Lauren Milligan – College Freshman Stephanie Milligan – College Freshman

12/8/04, 6 / 11

PM.

Wednesday

Denise Douglas

**TUITION PROTEST** 

Students turned out today on the Penn State campus to protest the rising cost of tuition. They worry that if costs continue to go up, getting a higher education will be out of reach for the average young person. Denise Douglas reports that they also signed letters to legislators demanding more money be set aside for assistance.

1:03 - Package

Bryson Nobles - Student

Diana Maxham - Student

12/8/04, 11

11

PM. Wednesday

Marty Radovanic

HATE CRIME MEETING

Minority students at the Penn State Altoona campus say that they are part of the community and that people have to accept that. This comes after an incident of harassment for two minority students on campus.

:42 - VO/SOT

Robin Akinwale - Black Student Union

12/10/04,

5/6/11

PM.

Friday

Sophia Wharton

**BVHS HAZING** 

When you hear the word hazing, you probably think of college fraternities or football teams. Unfortunately, Sophia Wharton reports that parents with children at the Blacklick Valley Junior High School are upset over a serious hazing incident there involving athletes.

1:17 - Package

Anonymous person - Upset parent

12/14/04, 5 / 6

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

SOMERSET WARNING

The PSEA is asking new teachers not to apply in the Somerset School District. The sanctions are part on the ongoing contract dispute there.

:50 - VO/SOT

Michele Felix - Future teacher

Sarah Sullivan - Future teacher

12/15/04, 5

5/6/11 PM,

PM.

Wednesday

**Gary Sinderson** 

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION** 

While plans are in the works to refurbish the State College High School, another idea has emerged – build an entirely new school. Just what will happen? Gary Sinderson reports.

:47 - Package

Ed Poprik - State College School District

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Monday

Marty Radovanic

YOUNG SCHOLARS

A group of educators and graduate students are proposing a charter school for the State College area that focuses on teaching foreign languages.

·39 - VO/SOT

Lisa Bass - Proposing charter school

12/20/04. 5:30 PM.

Monday

Lisa Stofko

**GRAMMAR MAKEOVER** 

Why do children do so poorly with grammar in our country? Lisa Stofko reports on how grammar classes are being changed to spark interest and closer attention by students.

1:48 - Package

Dawn Burnette - Curriculum Developer

12/20/04, 11 PM,

Monday

**Denise Douglas** 

**SCAHS STUDY** 

The State College Area School Board has decided to pay for an analysis of the costs involved in building a new high school as opposed to remodeling the old building. Denise Douglas reports. :50 – Package

Patricia Best - State College School District

Ed Poprik - State College School District

12/23/04, 5

PM,

Thursday

Sara Burget

SC COMPUTERS

While students are on semester break, Penn State is switching over to a new identification system for university personnel to eliminate identity theft possibilities.

:28 - VO

12/24/04, 5 / 11

PM,

Friday

Marty Radovanic

NURSE/FAMILY PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS

The Nurse/Family Partnership Program is making a critical difference in the development of thousands of children; it increases a child's IQ and decreases behavioral problems. Marty Radovanic reports.

1:26 - Package

David Olds - Nurse / Family Partnership

Teresa Salome - Home Nursing Agency

Dana Beschler – First time mom

12/28/04, 5

5 PM,

Tuesday

Lisa Stofko

**FFA PROGRAM** 

While agriculture remains Pennsylvania's top industry, the number of school districts with dedicated agricultural programs is decreasing. But the Berlin Brothersvalley School District is committed to keeping AG education alive. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:03 - Package

Nathan Jamison - Teacher / FFA Advisor

Stephanie Hartman - Veterinary technician

12/29/04, 5:30 PM,

Wednesday

Lisa Stofko

**HISPANIC DROPOUTS** 

Is the rate of kids dropping out of school going down or up? Lisa Stofko looks at a new study by the Department of Education that says graduation rates are improving for all racial groups by Hispanic. 1:46 – Package

Tammie Roach - Academic Coordinator

Reginald Beaty – Communities in School

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12/31/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko **STUDY NERDS** 

Kids in school that worked hard, studied, and got good grades were not usually very popular. They were most often considered geeks and still are. Lisa Stofko reports on the attitude problem that exists about academics and athletics.

1:47 - Package

Marla Shapiro, Ph.D. - Psychologist

### **NBC -EDUCATION ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER**

NBC Nightly News **Tuesday, 12/14** 

Binge drinking on college campuses claimed the lives of five students in September alone. One school is taking a controversial step by banning all drinking on campus. Will it work?

### WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: FLU SHOT SHORTAGE . . . OCTOBER

10/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

**FLU SHOTS** 

Dozens of people took advantage today of a flu shot clinic in the Logan Valley Mall. But word has come that the company which supplies our area with the vaccines has been temporarily shut down. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:22 - Package

Elizabeth Hurst - Respiratory Disease Soc.

10/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

#### **VACCINE ADVISORY**

Health officials are urging people not to panic after 50 per cent of the nation's flu vaccine was taken off the market. About 300 people lined up at the Blair Senior Center in Altoona to get a flu shot. The supply for Johnstown hospitals was suppose to come from the London company that was shut down.

1:32 - VO/SOT

Loretta Chow - Mother

Chris Good - Director of Pharmacy, Conemaugh

Becky Willnecker - Home Nursing Agency

10/7/04, 5:00 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

#### **FLU SHOT ALTERNATIVE**

The sudden shortage of flu vaccine has created a lot of concern. But there are good alternatives to the flu shot, including drugs that can stop the flu in its tracks. Dr. Mike Rosen reports. 1:20 – Package

Steven Baum, MD - Flu Expert

10/7/04, 5 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

#### **FLUSHOT FEARS**

The scare of not getting a flu shot sent hundreds rushing to the Logan Valley Mall for a clinic by the Home Nursing Agency in Blair County. They have no more vaccine after giving out 350 shots today, and say if you're healthy, please delay getting a shot til there is more vaccine. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:02 - Package

Becky Willnecker - Home Nursing Agency

10/7/04, 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM. Thursday Katie Collett

#### **PRICE GOUGING**

Some medical companies are trying to take advantage of the flu vaccine shortage. They are offering local hospitals the vaccine at 15 times the original price. Katie Collett reports on the price gouging.

1:20 - Package

Dr. Luis Gonzalez - Memorial Medical Center

Barry Creany - Deputy Attorney General

10/8/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

#### **HEALTH WORKERS**

The Centers for Disease Control is warning health care workers that they need to make sure and get a flu shot.

:38 - VO/SOT

Dr. Steven Baum - Beth Israel Hospital

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#### **FLUSHOT UPDATE**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has just changed the guidelines for who is at high risk to get the flu this year. The changes come in light of the vaccine shortage. But if you are in a high risk category, it is up to you to find someone who has the vaccine. Jen Kallin reports. 1:56 – Package

Dr. Julie Gerberding - CDC Director

10/14/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

#### **FLU SHOTS**

For some people, the shortage of flu vaccine is of little concern. But others rely on it. While high-risk groups are still eligible, it leaves many people, even those in the same family, out. Lisa Stofko has advice on fighting the spread of the flu. 2:00 – Package

Dr. Masiello - Conemaugh Health System

10/18/04, 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

#### **SCHOOL FLU PRECAUTIONS**

Kids are exposed to germs almost everywhere, especially at school. But there are precautions they can take. Natasha McBroom explains.

:49 - Package

Paula Dibert - Nurse, Altoona High

10/18/04, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

#### **FLU SAFE**

Parents, grandparents, teachers, and more met with doctors and nurses at UPJ tonight to get the facts on the flu. The aim was to keep it from spreading. Katie Collett has the facts.

:57 – Package

Dr. Virginia Dato - PA Department of Health

10/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

#### **FLU SHOTS / SOMERSET**

There was a limited supply of flu shots for elderly residents in Somerset County this morning. Three hundred people were given the vaccine at the Senior Center where the phone rang off the hook with people wanting to make appointments to get the shots.

:41 - VO/SOT

James Davis - Got a flu shot

Betty Hay - Got a flu shot

10/18/04, 6 PM, Monday Sara Burget

#### **FLU PRODUCTS**

With a very limited supply of flu vaccine, some of us may end up getting the flu this year. If we do, what's the best medicine? Sara Burget reports.

1:01 - Package

Chris Good - Director of Pharmacy

10/19/04, 5 / 11 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade

#### **FLU VACCINE**

Government health officials announced today that more than two million extra flu vaccines will be available later this winter. But since it won't happen til January, does it make any difference? Brigette Langmade reports.

1:00 - Package

Tommy Thompson - Health & Human Services

### WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: FLU SHOT SHORTAGE . . . . OCTOBER

10/19/04, 5 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

**PNEUMONIA VACCINE** 

If you are over 65 and waiting for a flu shot, you may want to consider a vaccine against one of the more effects of the flu, pneumonia. A pneumonia vaccine can protect you for a lifetime against a disease that develops from the flu and takes many lives every year. Sara Burget reports. :41 - Package

Dr. Richard Kastelic - Kastelic and Associates

10/19/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

FINDING FLU SHOTS

If you are searching for a flu shot, you probably have not had much luck. You may have been told to call your doctor's office. But is that really going to get you anywhere? The answer is no. Sara Burget reports.

:50 - Package

Dr. Richard Kastelic - Kastelic and Associates

10/20/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Brigette Langmade

**CAPITOL FLU** 

As the country struggles with the flu vaccine shortage, the Bush administration is urging people who are not high risk to delay getting their shots. But is that also true for members of Congress. Brigette Langmade reports.

1:00 - Package

Rep. Ric Keller – (R) Florida

David Currie - Washington, D.C.

Sheila Ciampi – Washington, D.C.

John Smith, Jr. – Washington, D.C.

10/20/04. 5 / 6 PM. Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**LOCAL REPS FLU SHOT** 

Are lawmakers form Pennsylvania planning on taking advantage of free flu shots provided for Congress?

:27 - VO/SOT

Rep. Bill Shuster - (R) 9th District

Joe Hoeffel - (D) 13th District

10/20/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**RESIDUAL EFFECTS** 

If you've gotten a flu shot every year and now can't get one this year, are you more susceptible to the flu. Research shows that you may still have some protection from last year's shot.

:42 - VO/SOT

Dr. Matt Masiello - Memorial Medical Center

10/20/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**CONEMAUGH FLU SHOTS** 

Conemaugh is scheduled to get flu vaccines in January, but they don't know how many shots they'll get. Will that be too late.

1:03 - SOT/VO

Dr. Matt Masiello – Memorial Medical Center

Amy Bradley - Memorial Medical Center

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: FLU SHOT SHORTAGE . . . OCTOBER

10/21/04. 5/6/11 PM.

Thursday

Dave Roush

**FLU SHOTS** 

DuBois and Clearfield hospitals received a limited supply of the flu vaccine today. They are now trying to ensure that it gets distributed properly. The vaccine will go to staff doctors to distribute to patients that meet the CDC guidelines, David Roush reports.

Kimberly Smolko - Clearfield Hospital

10/21/04.

PM.

Thursday

Jen Kallin

**MURTHA FLU SHOT** 

There is some outrage over the flu shots being made available to members of Congress. A local lawmaker says the guidelines for Congress should be the same as the rest of the population.

Rep. John Murtha - (D) 9th District

10/27/04. 6 / 11

PM.

Wednesday

Sara Burget

**FLU CLINIC** 

If you are in the high risk group for flu shots and live in Huntingdon County, there's good news. There will be flu shots available there.

:53 - Package

Lou Kensinger - Home Nursing Agency

Dr. Byron Thames - AARP

5

10/28/04.

PM.

Thursday

Sara Burget

**COLD VS FLU** 

Recognizing the signs of the flu are more important than ever this year, But how can you tell the difference between them and cold symptoms?

:39 - VO/SOT

Michell Cohen - CDC

10/28/04,

5/6/11

PM,

Thursday

**Gary Sinderson** 

SUPELCO THANKED

Employees at Supelco passed on getting their flu shots this year, donating them to those at high risk. Gary Sinderson reports.

:36 - Package

Doug Cox – Donating flu shot

# **NBC -FLU ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER**

Nightly News

# Thursday, 10/20

Robert Bazell reports on whether there will be enough of the flu vaccine for America;s highest risk patients and the controversy over who gets to receive it first.

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: FLU SHOT SHORTAGE . . . NOVEMBER

11/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Wednesday

Marty Radovanic

**NO SHOTS LEFT** 

People in Huntingdon County were standing in line today trying to get the last of the flu shots available from Home Nursing. The folks say the long lines prove there is a tremendous demand for the vaccine.

1:02 - VO/SOT

Lou Kensinger - Home Nursing Agency

11/3/04, 5

PM, Wednesday

Jen Kallin

**FLU DECISION** 

Those who still have vaccine left have to make the difficult decision about who gets the shots. If you are in the high risk group, you should call the Department of Health. They are just getting their vaccine and are scheduling appointments if people qualify for the CDC guidelines. 1:57 – VO/SOT

Jean Rearick -- Infection Control

11/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM,

Wednesday

Marty Radovanic

**FLU FORUM** 

Doctors and nurses are still trying to get the flu vaccine to the people who need it most. The Department of Health announced today that 340,000 more doses will be coming to Pennsylvania. How do you make sure you get one?

1:00 - VO/SOT

Dr. Luis Gonzalez - Memorial Medical Center

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11/10/04, 6

PM,

Wednesday

Katie Collett

**FLU TRACKING** 

New software has been installed within the Conemaugh Health System to detect outbreaks of infections in the community. Doctors can better define infections and predict their spread. Katie Collett reports on how the new technology will help with the flu vaccine shortage this year. 1:01 – Package

Rebecca Parsons - Conemaugh Health System

11/12/04, 5:30 / 11

PM.

Friday

**Gary Sinderson** 

**BLOOD DONORS & FLU** 

Is there a connection between donating blood and being more likely to come down with the flu? Red Cross and health officials are saying no. Cary Sinderson reports.

:42 - Package

Wendi Keeler - Red Cross

11/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM,

Wednesday

Jen Kallin

**FLU KIOSKS** 

Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center is taking every precaution at its facilities to prevent the spread of the flu. They have set up kiosks in high risk areas of the hospital to caution staff, visitors, and patients about how to protect against flu transmission.

:47 - Package

Jean Rearick - Infection Control

Amy Bradley - Conemaugh Health System

Dr. Matt Masiello - Conemaugh pediatrician

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11/17/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

**CATHOLIC CHURCH FLU** 

Church is one of the places that the flu can be spread. The Altoona-Johnstown Diocese of the Catholic Church is asking anyone who has a cold not to drink from the Communion cup. :43 – VO/SOT

Msgr. Robert Mazur - Cathedral Rector

11/24/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

**FLU MIST** 

For many who are not eligible for flu shots, the flu mist might provide the protection needed. Sophia Wharton reports on who can benefit.

1:42 - Package

Dr. Louis Schenfeld - Infectious Diseases

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11/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

**FLU SHOT ON MARK** 

There are now three cases of the flu in Pennsylvania. While it is off to a slow start, the vaccine appears to be right on-the –money as far as matching the flu strain. Mark Allen reports on how the flu season is shaping up.

1:13 - Package

Dr. Matt Masiello - Conemaugh Hospital

11/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

MED CLINIC FUNDS

A Centre County medical clinic is hoping to collect donations to keep on operating. The number of people that they serve is growing as more people are out of work and without insurance.

36 – VO/SOT

Paul Young - Centre Volunteer patient

11/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Denise Douglas

**FLU SYMPTOMS** 

Although there have been only three cases of the flu confirmed in Pennsylvania so far this year, workers at the Mount Nittany Medical Center have been seeing cases with flu-like symptoms. But they are preparing for a flu outbreak there. Denise Douglas reports.

1:03 - Package

Marlene Stetson - Mount Nittany

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: FLU SHOT SHORTAGE . . . DECEMBER

12/1/04, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **FIRST FLU CASE**

The first confirmed case of the flu in the region is ironically a worker at Conemaugh Medical Center. The worker was medicated and sent home, but now health officials expect to see cases from the public. Mark Allen reports,

1:07 - Package

12/1/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

# **HAND WASHING**

What is the proper way to wash your hands to prevent getting the flu? 1:00 - Live

Dr. Matt Masiello - Conemaugh Health System

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12/7/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

## **FLU SHOT SHORTAGE**

Conemaugh Health System in Johnstown has been waiting almost a year for their first shipment of the flu vaccine. Although 4 million more doses are on its way to the United States, none of that medication will be going to Conemaugh. Katie Collett reports.

1:13 – Package

Amy Bradley - Spokesperson, Conemaugh

12/14/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

## **FLU VACCINES**

Now that the flu vaccine shortage appears to be over, there is a new problem. People are not going to get the vaccine.

:30 - VO

12/15/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

### **OVER THE COUNTER**

New research shows that going to the over-the-counter drug aisle in the pharmacy could provide more relief for sufferers of the cold and flu and save billions of dollars a year in health care expenditures than requesting prescription antibiotics. Dr. Mike Rosen explains.

1:33 - Package

Anthony Moutis - Patient

Fred Pescatore, MD - Integrated Medicine

12/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

## **FLU SHOT CHANGES**

A federal advisory board recommends that restrictions on the nation's supply of the flu vaccine should be eased, allowing people age 50 and older to get shots. But no vaccine is available yet in this area. So how will the eased guidelines affect the availability? Katie Collett reports.

1:08 – Package

12/30/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Denise Douglas

### **FLU SHOT SHORTAGE**

Though the holidays have pushed the threat of catching the flu to the back of many people's minds, health experts warn that it is the season for getting it. Denise Douglas reports on precautions that need to be taken.

1:00 - Package

Don Woodrine - Centre Home Care

10/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

**VIOXX** 

After Vioxx, a popular arthritis drug was pulled, patients from our area are worried that their health may be permanently affected. Natasha McBroom What should patients do. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:05 - Package

Luis Conzalez - PharMD, BCPS

10/1/04, 6 PM, Friday Sara Burget

#### **TECH PARK UP**

It's been weeks since Conemaugh Health System started looking at a site for its technology park. So why hasn't an announcement been made about a decision yet? Sara Burget reports that the decision is still not final.

1:08 - Package

Ed Rendell - PA Governor

10/5/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

### **ANGIOPLASTY**

Angioplasty is a procedure that opens clogged heart arteries. Now research shows that a simple medication can lower the risk of having a heart attack during that operation. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:24 - Package

Dr. Vincenzo Pasceri - Study's author

10/5/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

## **NURSES RALLY**

More than one hundred nurses and other health care workers marched in Harrisburg today, urging the State legislature to pass a law banning mandatory overtime.

:45 – VO/SOT

Sen, Tina Tartaglione - (D) Philadelphia

10/6/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

### HRT

There are new claims tonight based on a study involving 17,000 women that taking hormone replacement therapy increases the risk of developing potentially deadly blood clots. :44-VO/SOT

Dr. Marilyn Glenville – Women's Health Expert

10/7/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **ALLERGIC REACTIONS**

A serious allergic reaction can strike without notice and change you and your child's life forever. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:54 - Package

10/11/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

### STEM CELLS

The death of Christopher Reeves has once again turned the spotlight on stem cell research. The issue has been addressed by the presidential candidates and today, some from our area spoke out on the issue. Natasha McBroom reports.

:50 - Package

Rep. Bill Shuster - Area congressman

Joe Basile – paralyzed stem cell supporter

10/11/04, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

**VAMPIRE BAT DRUG** 

The newest advancement in stroke treatment comes from a tiny creature best associated with Halloween and Dracula, the vampire bat.

:49 - VO/SOT

Neil Shusterman - Forest Laboratories

10/12/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

### **VACCINE SIDE EFFECTS**

How safe is a popular pediatric vaccine? New research shows that there are side effects to the Prevnar vaccine which attacks common bacteria. Are they reason to be concerned. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:40 - Package

Jami Kurschner - Mom

Andrew Campbell, MD - Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

10/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

### HOSPITAL MERGER

After 2 years of studying the possible effects, Altoona Hospital and Bons Secours Hospital have made the decision to merge. How will services and jobs be affected? Natasha McBroom reports. :46 – Package

Ron McConnell - Altoona Hospital

10/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

## **ALTOONA MERGER FOLLOWUP**

People in Altoona have a lot of questions about how the merger of Altoona Hospital and Bons Secours will affect them. They also have some ideas about what may happen. Natasha McBroom hit the streets to listen to those comments.

:46 - Package

Ron McConnell - Altoona Hospital

10/14/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Christy Feig

## **BREAST CANCER**

About 216.000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, according to the American Cancer Society. But early diagnosis and new treatments are the key. Christy Feig has news on some breakthroughs for treating and preventing breast cancer.

1:29 - Package

Chrisley McCarson – Breast cancer survivor

Dr. Jefferson Moulds – Georgetown University Hospital

Dr. D. Armstrong - John Hopkins

10/14/04, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

# **CONEMAUGH STAFFING**

Memorial Medical Center is adding 17 new employees to the staff to keep up with patient needs. The heart center is seeing a lot of new patients since the closing of UPMC Lee Regional's heart center.

1:06 - VO/SOT

Amy Bradley - Conemaugh Hospital

10/15/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

## **ANTIDEPRESSANTS**

The FDA has announced it will require the strongest warning possible on anti-depressant drugs. There is concern now that the warning will scare doctors away from using the drugs that are a life-saver for many.

:39 - VO/SOT

Dr. Paramjit Joshi - Children's National Medical Center

10/18/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

### **BLACK BOX WARNING**

The Food & Drug Administration is sounding an alarm against anti-depressants. A panel of advisors to the FDA stopped just short of prescribing a ban on the medication for kids. Another group is calling for a "black box warning." What effect will that have on use by kids who really need the drugs? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:12 - Package

Dr. Elaine Mateo - Psychiatrist

Dr. Dirk Huttenbach - Psychiatrist

10/18/04, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### KIDS & OBESITY

The rate of childhood obesity has tripled from what it was Just a generation ago. Memorial Medical Center is hoping that a new program called "Kidshape" will help trim that statistic.

Dr. Matt Masiello - Kidshape

10/21/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

### **OBESITY SURGERY**

There's new evidence tonight that surgery to help people lose weight provides significant health benefits. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on the pluses of bariatric surgery.

1:39 - Package

Alan Kerner - Patient

Dr. Mitchell Roslin - Surgeon

10/21/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

## **CERMUSA EXPO**

Getting proper and immediate medical attention is critical in an emergency. But sometimes in rural areas, it's not possible. Now, St. Francis University is taking on the challenge of helping first responders do a better job.

:49 - VO/SOT

Rep. John Murtha – ( D ) 12<sup>th</sup> District David Wolfe – Wireless Specialist

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10/25/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **OBESITY ZAPPER**

There's a surgical alternative to gastric bypass that involves an implant to stop hunger pains with small jolts of electricity.

:39 - VO/SOT

Julie Roth, MD - Northwesten Institute

10/26/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

## OCD KIDS

About one in every 200 American children and teens suffers from a condition called obsessive compulsive disorder. What is the best way to treat it?

:42 – SOT/VO

John March, MD – Duke University Medical Center

10/26/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

## **GERD PNEUMONIA**

New research shows current use of stomach acid blocking medicines is associated with a 27 percent increase in the risk of pneumonia.

1:00 - VO/SOT

Brian Carlin, MD

**Pulmonary Specialist** 

10/27/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget.

### ACID REFLUX - SLEEP ON LEFT

New research shows that sleeping on your right side makes acid reflux worse.

:33 - VO/SOT

Magen El Zein, MD - Researcher

10/27/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

#### **TOBACCO TRUTH GROUP**

The Citizen's Commission to Protect the Truth made a stop in State College to drum up support for its smoking prevention ad program, which is in danger of being cut.

:39 – VO/SOT

Matthew Caruso - Anti-Smoking Campaign

10/28/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

# **SLEEP ASTHMA ADHD**

Can trouble sleeping affect an asthmatic's conditions? New research shows it could even cause someone to develop symptoms of Attention Deficit Disorder.

:36 - VO/SOT

John Mastronarde, MD - Researcher

# **HEALTH ISSUES . . . OCTOBER**

Dr. Phil

10/1/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

How do you keep the weight off after you lose it? Dr. Phil revisits the people in his weight-loss challenge to see if they've kept the weight off and gives some tips on how to

be successful.

Show #: 3025

Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

# Jane Pauley Show

10/1/04

Host: Jane Pauley

What is it like for parents who can't connect with their child? Asperger's Syndrome is a neurobiological disorder affecting as many as 1 in 300 children. It causes them to have unpredictable outbursts and tantrums provoked by the smallest change in routine or stimuli. Jane Pauley looks at the symptoms and solutions that can help.

Show #: 100104

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

## Dr. Phil

### 10/4/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil examines people with special weight-loss problems. Although one man spends 8 hours every day at the gym, he still weighs over 300 pounds. Nutritionalist J. J. Virgin explains how harmful deep-fried food is to health.

Show #: 3028

Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

# **Jane Pauley Show**

10/18/04

Host: Jane Paulev

An increasing number of transplant recipients are receiving organs from living donors. Jane Pauley looks at how advancements in transplant surgery have made it almost routine to donate an organ and save a life.

Show #: 101804

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

# Jane Pauley Show

10/19/04

Host: Jane Pauley

Over the past 30 years, childhood obesity rates have more than doubled. According to the American Obesity Association, more than 30 percent of youth ages 6 to 19 are overweight. The results are children suffering from low self-esteem, bullying from their peers, and a host of chronic illnesses that affect adults, like diabetes and high blood pressure. How are medical professionals trying to battle the problem?

Show #: 101904

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

### Jane Paulev Show

# 10/22/04

Host: Jane Pauley

How can you tell the difference between a bad memory and Alzheimer's Disease? Dr. Gary Small, Director of the UCLA Center on Aging says people can improve their memories and stave off disease.

Show #: 102204

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

# **HEALTH ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER**

Jane Paulev Show

10/25/04

Host: Jane Paulev

A 1999 Mayo Clinic study connected nearly all the sufferers of chronic sinus infections afflicting 37 million Americans to mold. What can you do if mold has moved into your home and what are the warning signs?

Show #: 102504

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

Jane Pauley Show

10/27/04

Host: Jane Paulev

About 700,000 people in the USA suffer from stroke each year. In the past, stroke has been viewed as largely untreatable. It kills brain cells. But more and more studies are proving that through intensive therapy, stroke survivors can rebuild the damaged portion of their brains.

Show #: 102704

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

Jane Pauley Show

10/28/04

Host: Jane Pauley

Food allergies are on the rise, and everyone is at risk, especially children. Why are these allergies becoming prevalent? Jane Pauley also looks at misleading ingredient labels on

food.

Show #: 102804

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

Dr. Phil

10/29/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Gastric bypass surgery is a highly invasive procedure, but that is not stopping some

people from going under the knife. Is it worth the risk? Is there an age limit?

Show #: 3018

Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES **NOVEMBER**

11/1/04. 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Monday

Natasha McBroom

**HOSPITAL MERGER** 

Today is the first day of a new future for Altoona Regional Health System, the new name for Altoona Hospital and Bon Secours merged as one. Both hospitals are saying the quality of care will only get better. Natasha McBroom reports.

:47 - Package

James Barner - President, CEO

11/1/04. 11 PM. Monday Marty Radovanic

**HIV BILLBOARDS** 

A new billboard campaign is aimed at getting 18-25 year olds to get HIV tested.

:47 - VO/SOT

Tom Donohue - Who's Positive, Inc.

11/1/04.

PM.

Monday

Jen Kallin

5 **SMOKING & COLON RISK** 

Smokers can now add precancerous growths in the colon to the increased health risks they face.

:30 - VO/SOT

David Creen, MD - Gastroenterologist

11/3/04.

5/6/11

PM. Wednesday Natasha McBroom

ARHS PAYMENT PLAN

Now that Bon Secours Hospital and Altoona Hospital have merged, the city of Altoona is hoping to get the past due payments that Altoona Hospital owed in lieu of property taxes. Natasha McBroom reports that Bons Secour always paid but Altoona Hospital went 5 years without paying. :55 - Package

James Barner - President, Altoona Regional Hospital System

11/4/04. 5 PM.

Thursday

Sara Burget

**PUBLIC FLU HEALTH** 

At a forum on public health this week in Johnstown, you might have expected the flu vaccine to top the list of issues, but obesity, bullying, and stress management were rated as causing more concern. Why? Sara Burget reports.

1:09 - Package

Dr. Matt Masiello - Office of Community Health

11/5/04.

5/6/11

PM, Friday

Marty Radovanic

**LEE HIRES GUY** 

Johnstown's Lee Regional Health System has hired a former hospital administrator to help it regain local control of Lee Hospital from the UPMC network.

:31 - VO

11/5/04. 5

PM. Friday Dr Mike Rosen

VIRTUAL COLONOSCOPY

There is a debate among medical professionals about whether a virtual colonoscopy is as good as a regular one. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:29 - Package

Marc Sapienza, MD - Englewood Hospital

11/8/04. 5 / 6 / 11

PM,

Monday

Marty Radovanic

**BLAIR MEDICAL CENTER** 

Just a week after two Altoona hospitals merged, a new choice in facilities for health care has emerged, a medical center at the Station Mall.

:57 - VO/SOT

John Brown - Blair Medical Association

11/9/04. 5 / 6 / 11

PM,

Tuesday

Sara Burget

**EMPLOYEE MEETING** 

In less than two weeks, UPMC and Lee Regional Health System will be in court fighting over the control of Lee Hospital. In addition, Conemaugh is trying to buy Lee. Where do Lee employees stand in all this? Sara Burget reports.

1:00 - Package

Debra Barron - Lee Hospital employee

David Mastovich - Lee Regional Rep.

11/11/04, 5

PM,

Thursday

Marty Radovanic

**BINGE DRINKING** 

New research shows that more than one drink a day could double a person's risk of dying after a heart attack.

:42 - VO/SOT

Kenneth Mukamal, MD - Beth Israel Med. Center

11/11/04, 5:30

PM,

/I, Thursday

Lisa Stofko

**EAR INFECTIONS** 

A normal child will get one or two ear infections per year. But Lisa Stofko reports that there are some kids who just can't seem to get rid of them. How can you help them?

2:14 - Package

Laura Roth - Mother

Dr. David Armstrong - Otolaryngologist

11/18/04, 5:30

30 PM,

Thursday

Lisa Stofko

**DENTAL HEALTH** 

Many parents think they don't need to take care of their child's baby teeth because those teeth end up falling out. But experts say, tooth decay in baby teeth is significant. Lisa Stofko reports. 1:40 – Package

Marlene Singer - R.N. Office of Community Health

11/18/04,

11 PM,

Thursday

Denise Douglas

LIVING WITH HIV

At age 25, most people are looking forward to the future. But one former Penn State student tells how one night of unprotected sex has wiped out his future. Now, the only thing he can look forward to is warning others that they don't end up with the same problem. Denise Douglas reports.

1:08 - Package

Tom Donohue - HIV Positive

Kelly Hadley - Student

11/19/04. 5

PM,

Friday

Donna Hamilton

**FAT VIRUS** 

One doctor claims you can actually catch a virus that could make you gain weight. Donna Hamilton explains.

1:31 - Package

Richard Atkinson, MD – Nutrition Specialist

11/19/04, 5

PM.

Friday

Marty Radovanic

**NEWBORN TESTS** 

Since the 1960's, doctors have been doing screening for certain genetic or enzyme diseases in new borns. Now, a new computer can test newborns for up to 59 metabolism problems and save lives. :45 – VO/SOT

Joseph Valenzano, Jr. - "Exceptional Parent"

11/23/04.

5:30

PM,

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

**CAFFEINE IN KIDS** 

If your child seems tired, moody, or even has flu-like symptoms, one cause could be caffeine withdrawal.

:57 - VO/SOT

Roland Griffiths - Researcher

11/24/04, 5:30

PM,

Wednesday

Denise Douglas

**LOW CALORIE DIET** 

Researchers believe the new strategy for maintaining a healthy weight is to eat low calorie dense food. Denise Douglas explains.

:47 - Package

Professor Barbara Rolls - Author / Penn State

11/24/04,

5:30

PM, \

Wednesday

Marty Radovanic

**ACUPUNCTURE KNEE** 

If pain medications and heat packs still leave your knees aching, you might want to consider acupuncture.

:42 - VO/SOT

Michael Gaeta - Licensed Acupuncturist

PM.

11/25/04,

Thursday

Lisa Stofko

**CHILDHOOD ASTHMA** 

Childhood asthma is the number one cause of emergency room visits and missed school days among kids. As many as 20 per cent of children have some degree of asthma. Lisa Stofko reports that prevention and early treatment can help.

1:58 - Package

Gayle Formica - Mother

Dr. Chris Begley – Lung Treatment Center

Danny Formica – Age 9

11/25/04. 6 / 11

PM.

Thursday

Jen Kallin & Katie Collett

**MENINGITIS DEATH** 

An Altoona family is mourning the death of their 4 year old boy after he died of bacterial meningitis. Officials from the Department of Health say they are taking every precaution to make sure anyone who was in contact with the boy is treated with antibiotics.

:54 – VO/SOT

Dr. Louis Schenfeld - Infectious Diseases

# NBC -HEALTH ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER

# DATELINE

# Friday, 11/5

"WEIGHING THE RISKS" -an hour-long special with Al Roker that takes an in-depth look into gastric bypass surgery.

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE: this special will be broken down into the following segments: <u>Teens & Gastric Bypass</u>: Al Roker reports on the phenomenon of teenagers considering and having gastric bypass surgery. Dateline profiles two teens who receive the surgery and the surgeons who perform them. (Cities/States: NY & MA)

<u>Tragic Endings:</u> Al Roker talks to Jennifer Butler from Georgia. Jennifer's husband Mike died from having gastric bypass surgery.

<u>Al Roker</u>: Two years after his gastric bypass surgery Al Roker sits down with Stone Phillips for an open and honest conversation about his own progress. Roker talks about the constant struggle to maintain his "ideal" weight and about not becoming the "official" spokesperson for the surgery.

# Nightly News

# Monday, 11/15

Tom Costello has a *Fleecing of America* about the push to make government funded medical research available to the people who paid for it - the taxpayers. The government spends 28 billion dollars of taxpayer money each year on research on everything from cancer to Alzheimer's, but the findings are usually published in expensive for-profit medical journals. Costello will report on the National Institute of Health's push to post the medical information on the internet and the resistance from the companies that publish the medical journals.

# **HEALTH ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER**

Dr. Phil

11/10/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

How far will people go to be thin? Joined by an expert in eating disorders, Dr. Phil looks

at purging and diet drugs.

Show #: 3006 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

12/1/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

**DIABETES T & T** 

There's more to managing diabetes than checking your blood sugar once a day. Today at J.C. Blair Hospital in Huntingdon, doctors taught patients some important things they need to do to keep diabetes from getting the best of them.

:44 - VO/SOT

Molly Ettenger - J.C. Blair Hospital

12/2/04, 5/6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

## **TELENURSING PROGRAM**

The nation's nursing shortage is just one of the reasons a new technology program is being tested at Mount Aloyisius College. It's a virtual classroom where nursing students can actually participate in clinical practices at some of the nation's leading hospitals.

:49 - VO/SOT

Ann Koss - Nursing student

12/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Dave Roush

#### **MEDICAL OUTSOURCING**

With the days of plastic X-ray films coming to an end, new medical business practices are coming into play right here in this area. Scans from area patients are now being read by doctors half way around the world. Dave Roush reports.

1:05 - Package

Ron McConnell - Altoona Regional Hospital

12/6/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

#### CHILDHOOD OBESITY

Obesity in children under the age of 5 has doubled in the past 30 years. For 6 – 11 year olds, it has tripled. Lisa Stofko reports on what's to blame.

1:44 - Package

Tony Paris - Age 15

Matt Wymer - Age 18

Jonathon Sumner - Age 16

Marilyn Tanner - Pediatric Dietician

Kathleen Zelman - American Dietetic Association

12/6/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

## **SLEEP HUNGER**

With obesity reaching epidemic proportions, America continues to battle an expanding waistline. Lack of sleep can play a part in over-eating. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:43 - Package

Matthew Tierney - Study participant

Dr. Eve Cauter - Researcher

12/7/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

## **BREAST MRI STUDY**

Can the most advanced and sensitive test for breast cancer eliminate the need for a breast biopsy in a suspicious area found on a mammogram? How much can you rely on a breast MRI? Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:24 - Package

Mark Novick - Radiologist

12/10/04.

PM,

Friday

Marty Radovanic

**ULCERATIVE COLITIS** 

There is new hope for patients suffering from ulcerative colitis in the form of a double dose of Mesalamine or Asacol.

:37 - VO/SOT

Dr. Lawrence Bryant - Gastroenterology Chief

12/13/04. 5

PM.

Monday

Marty Radovanic

**MS & ALZHEIMERS** 

Taking a drug used for Alzheimer's Disease may improve the memory of people with Multiple Sclerosis.

:41 - VO/SOT

Nicholas Larocca, Ph - MS Society

12/14/04. 11

PΜ,

Tuesday

Katie Collett

**POSSIBLE MERGER** 

The Board of Directors for Conemaugh Hospital is moving ahead with plans to take over Lee Hospital. Today they announced plans to purchase the hospital's building downtown. Katie Collett reports.

1:04 - Live

Robert Gleason - Memorial Medical Center

Sam Catanese - Conemaugh Health System

12/15/04,

5/6/11 PM,

1, Wednesday

Katie Collett

**HOSPITAL BUYOUT** 

The Conemaugh Health System Board of Directors announced an agreement with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center on Tuesday to purchase Lee Hospital in Johnstown. Conemaugh says it will mean big saving for both hospitals and better opportunities for doctors. Katie Collett reports. :59 – VO/SOT

Robert Gleason - Memorial Medical Center

12/17/04, 5

PM,

Friday

Marty Radovanic

**CLINIC OPEN HOUSE** 

A new clinic, which will provide health care to the public regardless on income, has opened its doors in Bellefonte.

:45 - VO/SOT

Mark Milliron - Tapestry of Health

12/17/04.

PM,

Friday

Natasha McBroom

**MINERS' GET CHOPPER** 

A new helicopter in Northern Cambria County will cut transport time to Johnstown to only fifteen minutes. The saved time will be essential in providing trauma care.

:43 - VO/SOT

Mike Lauf - Miners' Medical Center

12/20/04,

6/11

PM.

Monday

Katie Collett

**UPMC TRUSTEES** 

Conemaugh Health System is moving forward with a possible buy-out of the UPMC Lee Regional Hospital building downtown. UPMC points to their promise to improve medical care in the area and says the merger will help do that. Katie Collett reports.

:57 - Package

George Huber - UPMC

12/20/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

**NAP PILL** 

Americans are under more stress with less sleep. Now there is a new alertness promoting drug that can help them deal.

:44 - VO/SOT

Dr. Alex Chediak - Sleep expert

12/20/04, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

### **NAXPROVEN**

A study that began three years ago has concluded that Naxproven, the active ingredient in the over-the-counter product Aleve may exacerbate hear problems. Katie Collett reports on the product that has been on stores shelves for over 30 years.

1:03 – Package

Bruce Henel - Medical Expert

12/21/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **NAPROXEN**

Now that the FDA has issued warnings about the use of Aleve, where can people turn for pain relief? Experts suggest that there are many courses of alternative treatment that begins with exercise. Sara Burget reports.

:56 - Package

Jean Brinker - Integrative Health

Luis Gonzalez - PharmD, Conemaugh

12/21/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

## **FOOD LABEL**

The FDA is planning on overhauling the labeling of foods because present-day labels are deceiving you about what you are eating. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:32 - Package

Xavier Pi-Sunyer, MD - Obesity Researcher

12/22/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

### **EMOTIONAL STRESS**

The physical effects of asthma are obvious, such as coughing, wheezing, and shortness of breath. But a far less-visible component in children is emotional stress. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:47 - Package

Andrea Allen Lee – Jacob's Mom

Robin Hyman – Asthma Educator

12/22/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Hillary Lane

### **COCKTAIL CALORIES**

You might be surprised to learn that a lot of extra calories come in Christmas cocktails. Fat-packed crème-based drinks and soda and fruit juice mixers loaded with sugar are the culprits. Hillary Lane reports.

2:00 - Package

Bonnie Taubdix - American Dietetic Assoc.

12/22/04.

11 PM. Wednesday

Katie Collett

**OVER MEDICATED** 

Consumer groups are saying that advertising by pharmaceutical companies is partly to blame for Americans being over-medicated.

:35 - VO/SOT

John Abramson – Havard Medical School

12/23/04,

5:30

PM.

Thursday Lisa Stofko

RADON

Next to smoking, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths in America every year, If radon is leaking into your home, your children are most at risk. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:45 - Package

Brad Holbay - Father

Chris Begley - Lung treatment Center

Keith Carpenter - Radon mitigator

12/23/04.

5/6

PM. Thursday Sara Burget

**HOLIDAY STRESS** 

While the holidays are suppose to be a joyous time, often they are filled with stress. What can you do to help someone with the depression they feel at this time of year.

:49 - VO/SOT

Carolyn Neahoof - Licensed Social Worker

12/23/04.

PM. 5:30

Thursday

Hillary Lane

**HOLIDAY EATING** 

How do you navigate the holiday menu without packing on pounds? Hillary Lane reports on some important helps.

1:40 - Package

Bonnie Taubdix - American Dietetic Association

12/27/04.

11 PM.

Monday

Sara Burget

**VETERAN'S MEDICAL CENTER** 

Medical services are about to be cut back at the Van Zandt Veteran's Hospital, and the cuts could effect hundreds of hospitals in Altoona.

:44 - VO

12/27/04.

6/11 PM. Monday

Sara Burget

**WEATHER ILLNESS** 

Does cold weather have anything to do with getting a cold? Doctors say yes, especially in years like this, when temperatures go up and down.

:50 - VO/SOT

Daniel Wehner, MD - Memorial Medical Center

12/27/04. 5 PM.

Monday

Holly Holingsworth

**TESTS YOU NEED** 

What medical tests should a healthy person in their '30's, 40's, and 50's really have? Holly Hollingsworth has the info on what is necessary and what is too much.

1:32 - Package

Dr. Teresa Holt - Family Practitioner

12/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM,

Tuesday

Natasha McBroom

**VA HOSPITAL CUTS** 

While the Altoona Veteran's Hospital will stay open, it is facing a five million dollar deficit. Natasha McBroom reports on veterans' reactions to the cuts.

1:28 - Package

Charles Ofiesh - Veteran Cib Gutshall - Veteran

12/28/04, 11 PM,

Tuesday Sara Burget

### **HOSPITAL TAX**

Blair County is prepared to battle over its payments from the Altoona Regional Health System. The hospital makes payments instead of paying taxes, and now the commissioners want a change. :42 – VO/SOT

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

12/28/04, 5 PM,

Tuesday Martin Savidge

### **PREVENTATIVE HEALTH**

Health care costs are rising nationally at a rate of 12 percent per year. Now some companies are trying to cut costs by encouraging healthy lifestyle changes among employers. Martin Savidge reports.

1:48 - Package

Tony Bennet - Employee

Tom Hensley - CFO, Fieldale Farms

Kenneth Thorpe, PhD - Economist

Denise Ivester - Insurance Manager

Sue Waters - Employee

12/29/04, 5 / 6/ 11

11

PM, Wednesday

Jen Kallin

**BABY SECURITY** 

J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital has installed the Hugs Security system in its nursery to prevent the kidnapping of infants.

:43 - VO/SOT

Sandra Wright - New mom

# **HEALTH ISSUES . . . DECEMBER**

**Jane Pauley Show** 

12/07/04

Host: Jane Paulev

Jane Pauley looks into the minds of children with Asperger's Syndrome, a neurobiological disorder that affects 1 in 300 children. Symptoms include unpredictable outbursts and an

inability to socialize.

Show #: 100104R

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

Dr. Phil

12/13/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil looks at medical controversies. Should you chose the sex of your child? Is being a

surrogate a good idea?

Show #: 3064

Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil

12/31/04

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

What do you look like after a few too many drinks? Can you really take care of yourself? Dr. Phil uses a sophisticated driving simulator to show party goers the toll of alcohol.

Show #: 3039 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER

10/1/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Julie Vallese

**HOME HEATING TIPS** 

It could be extra expensive to stay warm this winter, but there are things that consumers can do to limit their expenses. Julie Vallese reports on tips to lower heating bills.

1:44 - Package

Guy Caruso - Energy Information Administration

Kateri Callahan - Alliance To Save Energy

10/4/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

**LUBE JOBS** 

Changing your car's oil on a regular basis is probably the single best thing you can do to you're your car running as it should. But there are lube shops that try to sell you unnecessary add-ons. 1:35 – Package

Mary-Kate Hogan - Good Housekeeping

10/4/04, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

**CELL PHONE USER** 

Pennsylvania consumers face one of the highest combined wireless phone tax rates in the country. Now some lawmakers are calling for a repeal of the Cross Tax Receipt that adds a 5 % levy to your cell phone charges. Katie Collett reports.

1:14 - Package

Sen. Bob Wonderling - (R) 24th District

10/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

**KAUFMAN'S BANKRUPTCY** 

Kaufman's Wedding World had filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, but its request for a loan was denied. Now the company has filed for Chapter 7 Liquidation. Now there is only a small chance that brides who prepaid for their dresses will get any money back. Katie Collett reports.

1:20 - Package

Mark Gregg - Attorney

10/5/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

**CELL PHONE NUMBERS** 

Cell phone companies vying for your business promise you that you can keep your old number if you switch service. But sometimes the pitch is more powerful than the result. How can you make sure you and your number stay connected?

2:00 - VO/SOT

Kate Ashford - Good Housekeeping

Monica Roman - Cell phone confusion

10/7/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Mary Alice Salinas

**FOOD PRICES** 

The cost of food staples has jumped 40 percent in the last decade. But prices are expected to rise even faster in the months to come. Mary Alice Salinas explains.

1:40 - Package

Julia Quan – Shopper

Dr. Richard Edelman - Economist

Ginny Fearsol - Shopper

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER

10/7/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

**MILLER FRAUD** 

In light of fraud charges against Miller Pools, the Attorney General's office says if you don't want any trouble with a company, do research first to see if anyone else had problems. Sara Burget reports.

:49 - Package

Barry Creany - Attorney General's Office

10/7/04, 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

**PHONE SCAMS** 

Phone scams and sweepstakes scams are hitting area families hard. Katie Collett reports on what the odds are of getting your money back if you get scammed.

1:14 - Package

Barry Creany - Deputy Attorney General

10/8/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

HAIR DRYERS

If you are tearing your hair out trying to figure out how to have beautiful bouncing curls, you may need to look at your hair dryer.

1:30 - Package

Susan Naccarella - Hair Made tester

Kim Daly - Good Housekeeping

Allison Luongo - Hair Dryer tester

10/18/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

**BLANKETS** 

What do you look for when shopping for a blanket?

1:26 - Package

Kathleen Huddy - Good Housekeeping

10/19/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Dave Yelverton

TIRE PRÉSSURE

Do you know when it's time to get new tires? Dave Yelverton has some tips that could you're your life.

1:29 - Package

Dave Yelverton - Car expert

10/28/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

**KAUFMANN'S PRE** 

Prospective brides who ordered dresses from Kaufman's Wedding World before it filed Chapter 7 Bankruptcy will be able to get discounted merchandise beginning tomorrow. :38 – VO

10/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

**CHECK FLOATING ENDS** 

The Check 21 Law went into effect in Pennsylvania today. It prevents you from writing a check before the money is in the bank.

:39 - VO/SOT

Joanne Mock - Somerset Trust Co

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER

10/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

# **KAUFMAN'S LIQUIDATION**

Kaufman's liquidation sale started today, the consequence of filing Chapter 7 Bankruptcy. Brides who were not able to get their dresses were told they could have a 50% discount today, but how was the selection? Katie Collett reports.

:43 - Package

Tanya Berkey - Bride-To-Be

# **NBC -CONSUMER ISSUES.... OCTOBER**

# **TODAY**

# Thursday, 10/7

Financial editor Jean Chatzky talks about the rise in the number of people who are subscribing to satellite radio. What do you need to know before you subscribe?

# Dateline

# Sunday, 10/17

Victoria Corderi reports on expensive new skin care products that claim they can make you more beautiful and stop the aging process. Bit is this just the same old marketing ploy or are these products the real deal?

# Nightly News

# Thursday, 10/20

Michelle Caruso-Cabrera reports on the high cost of fuel and how it may affect people this winter.

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . NOVEMBER

11/1/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

**CHEF CELEBRITY** 

Celebrity cooks are lending their names to signature brands of cookware. But do these products perform as advertised? Jen Kallin reports.

1:54 - Package

Sharon Franke - Good Housekeeping

11/3/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

HI TECH KITCHEN

What are the newest hi-tech gadgets for kitchens and how well do they work? Jen Kallin reports. 1:20 – Package

Sharon Franke - Good Housekeeping

11/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

**GIANT EAGLE PRICES** 

A Western Pennsylvania-based supermarket chain is slashing prices to compete with roll-back pricing at the new Super-Wal-Mart. Katie Collett reports on what store officials and customers are saying about the move.

:52 - Package

11/4/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

**TOASTER BAGS** 

No all new kitchen gadgetry may work perfectly. Toaster bags may end up causing harm. Jen Kallin reports.

1:23 - Package

Marjorie Cubisino - Good Housekeeping

11/5/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

**TOASTER OVENS** 

One of the handiest items in the average kitchen is the toaster oven. It's small and powerful. But which are the best?

1:24 - Package

Sharon Franke - Good Housekeeping

11/9/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

**ROBOT VACCUUMS** 

Robotic vacuum cleaners have hit the market. Do they do a good job?

1:27 - Package

Sue Booth - Good Housekeeping

11/10/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

**SHAMPOO SHOPPING** 

A luxurious head of hair can be a person's crowning glory. But to keep it that way, you need the right shampoo.

1:25 - Package

Kim Daly - Good Housekeeping

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER

11/11/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

**HEALTHY SKIN** 

Most of us would like to have luminous healthy-looking skin. But that is harder to achieve as we get older. What products help?

1:27 - Package

Holly Crawford – Good Housekeeping Dr. Doris Day – New York University

11/12/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **TOY TESTS**

A hundred thousand children across the country tested 90 thousand toys this year to help parent know which are the best toys to buy this year for Christmas. Here is the first in a series of reports on the best toys for 2004.

2:22 - Package

Caroline Basso - Teacher

Sharon DePietro - Daycare Director

Shelly Maheux - Teacher

11/15/04, 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

## **CHANGE COUNTERS**

Coin counters separate and count out spare change in a fraction of the time it would take us to do it ourselves. But are they accurate?

1:58 - Package

11/19/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

#### TOY TEST

What toys are best when it comes to entertaining your child, holding their interest, and standing up to the rigors of play? Jen Kallin reports.

2:28 - Package

Emily Garcia - Day Care Center Director

Margie Wilkie - Teacher

11/22/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### THANKSGIVING MEAL

As the fixings get more expensive for your Thanksgiving meal, an alternative to home cooking is becoming more popular. Sara Burget reports on pre-pared Thanksgiving feasts.

:46 - Package

Pat Faith - Deli manager

11/22/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

# **HOLIDAY DEBT**

The biggest shopping day of the season is just around the corner, and financial experts are warning consumers about mounting debt. Americans are in more debt than over and not concerned about paying it off. Now debit cards pose a new risk.

:45 - VO/SOT

Stephen Brobeck - Consumer Federation of America

# **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER**

11/23/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

**GAS TAX** 

Just when you thought they were going down, gas prices are on the rise again, this time due to added tax.

:43 - VO/SOT

Ed Rendell - PA Governor

11/24/04, 11

PM, Wednesday

Molette Green

**WARRANTY OUESTIONS** 

Is buying those extended warranties worth the extra cash? Molette Green reports that the answer is no.

1:24 - Package

Christian Kamide - Store Manager

Hubert Pucket - Consumer

Paul Bland - Trial Lawyer

11/25/04, 5:30

30 PM.

Thursday

Jen Kallin

TOY TEST - EDUCATIONAL TOYS

When you buy toys for Christmas, why not get more for your money with a toy that's fun and also educational? Jen Kallin reports on the toys rated best for learning.

2:35 - Package

Joanne Schock - Teacher

Joslyn Tye - Teacher

Vicki Rusch – Supervisor

Nicki Mercier - Teacher

11/26/04,

6

PM, Friday

Marty Radovanic

**NO SNOW TIRES** 

Last night's wintry blast made road conditions hazardous and sent drivers in search of winter tires. What kind of tires are the best?

:47 - VO/SOT

Todd Tagliaboski - Bastion Tire Sales

11/26/04. 5:30

PM.

Friday Jen Kallin

**ELECTRONIC TOYS** 

Electronic toys are some of the most popular and they have been for several years. What's in demand this year?

2:19 - Package

Joslyn Tye - Teacher

5/6

11/26/04,

PM,

Friday

Marty Radovanic

**HOLIDAY DEBT** 

More Americans plan on using debit cards rather than charging gift purchases this year. But if you go over your balance, it becomes like making a very expensive loan.

:48 - VO/SOT

Steve Browbeck - Consumer Federation of America

11/29/04.

5:30 PM.

, Monday

Molette Green

**CAR DONATIONS** 

If you're planning to donate your car to charity, as of January 1st, you won't get much of a deduction for it. Molette Green reports.

:54 - Package

Don Pollock - Vehicle Donations

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER

11/30/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Molette Green **PAYDAY LENDING** 

An estimated 70 million Americans will take out loans on line this year. But "pay day" loans may end up being a trap for consumers that will keep them in debt indefinitely. Molette Green reports that in many cases, you can't pay them off fast enough.

1:00 – Package Jean Ann Fox – Federation of America

# **NBC -CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER**

# **DATELINE**

# Sunday, 11/14

Lea Thompson will report on head restraint tests, conducted by the Insurance Institute on Highway Safety, on passenger cars sold in the U.S. The test is designed to check how well the head restraints prevent whiplash.

The report will include the following models:

Toyota Corolla 2004 and 2005 models

BMW 3 Series

Infiniti 135

Volvo \$40, \$60, \$80

Jaguar S-type

Saab 9-2X, 9-3

Suburu Impreza

Volkswagen New Beetle

Financial editor Jean Chatzky talks about the rise in the number of people who are subscribing to satellite radio. What do you need to know before you subscribe?

Nightly News

# Wednesday, 11/17

Retail giants K-Mart and Sears are joining forces. How will the merger affect your family's shopping?

# **CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER**

Jane Pauley Show

11/09/04

Host: Jane Pauley

Jane Pauley has searched high and low for perfect holiday gifts. They examine new products for adults and listen to a top expert talk about the best toys to buy for

Christmas.

Show #: 110904

Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . DECEMBER

12/1/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

**FLANNEL SHEETS** 

When it is cold out, you might look forward to crawling into a nice warm bed lined with flannel sheets. What do you look for when buying this type of sheet? Jen Kallin reports.

1:14 - Package

Kathleen Huddy - Textiles Director

12/1/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Dave Roush

WIND DAMAGE

Today's windy weather left many people with damage to their cars, homes, and businesses. Dave Roush reports on tips to filing an insurance claim.

1:06 - Package

Jennifer Murphy - Insurance Adjustor

12/3/04, 11 PM, Friday Denise Douglas

**ANIMAL PROTEST** 

Animal rights activists protested outside a State College restaurant to call attention to a delicacy on the menu, Ducks are force fed through a metal pipe to create an oversized liver. Denise Douglas reports.

1:18 - Package

Jessica Parry - Animal Rights Activist

Dan D'Eramo - Protester

12/3/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

**TOY TEST** 

If your kids spend a lot of time in front of the television, there are some toys that might just be perfect for them this year. Jen Kallin reports.

2:11 - Package

Shelley Maheux - Teacher

Larry Foster - Teacher

12/3/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**FUEL EFFICIENCY** 

With gas prices hovering around two dollars per gallon, drivers are looking for ways to save money at the pump. But experts warn that you should be wary of new products designed to reduce the cost.

:41 - VO/SOT

Steven Wernikoff - Federal Trade Commission

12/3/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Katie Collett

suv's

SUV sales have skyrocketed over the past couple years along with gas prices. So why are consumers still buying these gas guzzlers? Katie Collett reports.

1:00 - Package

Tom D'Arcangelo - Laurel Motors

# **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER**

12/6/04, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

**GAS PRICES** 

Prices at the pump have dropped about ten cents per gallon. Why are gas stations lowering their prices now? Katie Collett reports.

:47 - Package

Dan McMahon - Sheetz Inc.

12/6/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

## **VACUUMS**

Figuring out what vacuum to buy could be daunting. Do you get an upright, bagless, or go with a popular name brand? Jen Kallin reports on two brands that heavily advertise, are they worth the hype?

1:11 - Package

Susan Booth - Good Housekeeping Tester

12/7/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Denise Douglas

### **RESTAURANT PROTEST**

Bowing to pressure from protesters, a State College restaurant has pulled the French delicacy Foie Gras from its menu because of the animal cruelty involved in producing the dish. Denise Douglas reports.

1:07 - Package

Paul Fonash – Zola Bistro

Dave Kendeff - Zola Bistro

12/7/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Kevin Tibbles

## **INTEREST RATES**

More than 140 million people will purchase their holiday gifts with credit cards this year. But what consumers may not know is that credit card companies could raise their interest rates without warning. Kevin Tibbles reports on how you can protect yourselves.

1:36 - Package

Dave Meunler - Store manager

Linda Sherry - Consumer Action

Jim Chessen - American Bankers' Association

12/8/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

### ONE CUP COFFEE

How well do the new single-serve coffee makers work? Jen Kallin reports.

1:09 - Package

Sharon Frank - Food Appliances Director

12/10/04, 5 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

### **CREDIT CARD SECURITY**

While you're out holiday shopping, you want to keep a tight grip on your credit and debit cards. Protecting your account numbers is even more important when the stores are filled with many who could be looking for a way to rip you off.

:44 - VO/SOT

Rick Bausher - Boscov's Store Manager

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . DECEMBER

12/13/04, PM. Monday

Denise Douglas

**CELL DIRECTORY** 

There's a new service beginning in the new year for people who use their cell phone as their primary phone service. Denise Douglas reports on the new cell phone directory that will help people track others down.

:46 - Package

Matt Homan - Cell user

Leslie Riggle - Cell user

12/13/04. 5:30 PM. Monday Jen Kallin

**BEST WAFFLE MAKERS** 

Waffle machines these days come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Which are the best? Jen Kallin has the scoop.

1:37 - Package

Marjorie Cubisino - Good Housekeeping

12/14/04. 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Tuesday

Sara Burget

SHUTOFF DAY

A new law allows utilities to shut off service without the approval of the PUC.

:37 - VO/SOT

Bob Ott - Centre County Adult Services

12/15/04.

5/6/11

PM. Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SHUTOFF CONDEMNED

A new state law gives utility companies the right to shut off unpaid gas or electric accounts, even in the dead of winter. Some say the idea is to punish those who abuse the system, but many believe poor families and elderly people will be punished.

:51 - VO/SOT

Dennis George - Catholic Social Services

Carl Schultz - Catholic Social Services

12/15/04. 5:30 PM.

Wednesday

Jen Kallin

HI TEECH GIFTS

If you don't know much about hi-tech gadgets, how do you buy a hi-tech gift for someone? Jen Kallin has some tips.

1:34 - Package

Gary Zukowsk - Engineering Director

12/16/04, 5:30 PM.

PM.

Thursday

Sara Burget

**GIFT CARDS** 

Cift cards are gaining in popularity with consumers spending 10 per cent of their Christmas budgets on them. However, there are some problems to watch out for.

:50 - VO/SOT

Julie Buhr - Buying gift card

12/16/04, 5 / 6 / 11

Thursday

Katie Collett

**SHUTOFF LAW** 

Those behind the new law to shutoff utilities if you get behind in paying them are defending the unpopular law. Katie Collett reports that it is aimed at deadbeats who never pay their bills. 1:16 - Package

Sen. John Wozniak - (D) 35th District

# **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER**

12/20/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Katie Collett

## **TOOTHPASTE**

One dollar for tooth paste at a dollar store seems like a bargain. But Katie Collett reports that the tooth paste may be made over seas and may not pass inspection by the Food and Drug Administration.

1:34 - Package

Dr. Mike Rice - Dentist

12/21/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

# **HOLIDAY DEBT**

If you pay with plastic, your debt may pile up along with your purchases. Katie Collett reports on the best way to handle credit card debt once you have it, and how to plan better for the future so you don't get it again.

1:18 - Package

Glenn Campbell - Parker Hunter, Inc.

12/22/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

### **PA GIFT CARDS**

This year, close to 75 percent of consumers will buy a gift card for someone. But consumers should investigate hidden cost before they buy.

:37 – VO/SOT

12/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

## **GAS RATES HIKE**

Dominion Peoples Gas will raise their rates effective this Saturday. With winter just beginning, gas bills are already making it tough for consumers to meet obligations. :37 – VO

12/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

## **FAULTY GAME**

A vendor selling a video game system at a kiosk in Johnstown's Calleria Mall has left town, leaving some consumers who bought systems that don't work with no where to turn.

:55 – VO/SOT

Danielle Hoover - Power player won't work

12/31/04. 6 / 11 PM. Friday Sara Burget

## **TAXES & COSTS**

This will be an expensive new year for local residents with an increase in a number of taxes and heating fuel, even cable services. Sara Burget reports on how consumers here are facing it. :54 – Package

Arnold McPharland – Johnstown Sandy Petrusic – Johnstown

#### NBC -CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER

#### **TODAY**

#### Wednesday, 12/15

Ann Hodgman, author, gives advice on handling holiday stress created by shopping.

#### Dateline

#### Friday, 12/10

Dateline examines the latest results of side impact crash tests conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Two small SUV's were tested: the Ford Escape and Honda CRV.

#### Dateline

#### Friday, 12/19

Dateline examines the latest results of high-speed frontal crashed, conducted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Five small cars were tested: Kia Spectra, Mazda 3, Saturn Ion, Suzuki Forenza, and Hyundai Elantra.

### Nightly News

#### Tuesday, 12 / 28

Michele Caruso-Cabrera reports on the changing laws surrounding tax writeoffs and car donations.

#### Nightly News

#### Wednesday, 12/29

Are payday loans the quickest way to get some extra cash or an expensive lesson in money management. Anne Thompson reports.

# **CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER**

Jane Pauley Show

12/31/04

Host: Jane Pauley

Everyone makes fashion mistakes, but why do we make them over and over again. Also,

do stores use trick mirrors to get us to buy things?
Show #: 083104R Syndicator: NBC Universal Television

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: FLASH FLOODING . . . . OCTOBER

10/1/04, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**FEMA CENTER** 

Over 150 people have visited the new FEMA Center in Blair County and officials there don't see any end in sight. They urge those who need to file flood claims to call the 800 number, but caution everyone to expect delays.

:51 - VO/SOT

Rod Bohner - Blair County EMA

10/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

**FLOOD PENNDOT** 

Flood damage from Hurricanes Ivan and Frances has put a dent in PennDOT's checkbook. Now, there's concern about being able to afford to finish road projects. Katie Collett reports. 1:17 – Package

Cappy Lingenfelter - PennDOT

10/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

**FLOOD AID** 

Cash is finally flowing to the area after FEMA awarded 9 million dollars to Pennsylvania for flood recovery. Sophia Wharton has the breakdown on where the funds are going. :47 – Package

10/6/04, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

**FEMA TOUR** 

Federal Disaster agencies are telling local municipalities that they need to see the damage from Hurrican Ivan first-hand before they talk money. Gary Sinderson reports. :45 – Package

Paul Bartley - Milesburg Council

10/6/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

**FLOOD CONTROL** 

After flooding from Hurricane Ivan, Milesburg Borough is talking seriously about taking some action involving permanent flood control prevention. :37 – VO

10/8/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic **HUNTINGDON FEMA** 

A disaster center opened today in Huntingdon County to help people who had damage from last month's flooding. They finally got the center up and running after over 500 claims were called in to FEMA.

:47 - VO/SOT

Laird Basehoar - FEMA Spokesperson

10/12/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

**LAKEMONT MEETING** 

There is a new study out tonight for residents of Logan Township that helps them to understand why their homes are being flooded after severe rainstorms. Soil, topography, and the existing drain network all play a role in the problem. Residents seeking solutions came to a meeting tonight in Lakemont to hear what might be fixable. Katie Collett reports.

:55 - Package

Larry Fennessey – Sweetland Engineering

Alan Crissman - Lakemont resident

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: FLASH FLOODING . . . . OCTOBER

10/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Dave Roush **DEP FLOOD MEETING** 

The DuBois City Council welcomed representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection today to find out what measures can be taken to clean up the flood control project and other streams around town. They also wanted to know if they would need permits for dredging. Dave Roush reports.

1:08 – Package John Herm Suplizio – DuBois Mayor Harold Shaffer – DuBois

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: FLASH FLOODING . . . . NOVEMBER

11/9/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin **PARKS ADVERTISING** 

The Blair County Commissioners are going to allow non-profit groups to apply for grant money from the county to cope with flood damage because there is nowhere else for these groups to turn.

:31 - VO/SOT

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

# WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: FLASH FLOODING . . . . DECEMBER

12/10/04, 5 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom **HUNT. CO. FLOOD HELP** 

Huntingdon County was one of the hardest hit areas when Hurricanes swept across the region this Summer. O help prevent flood damage in the future, the county has come up with a plan. Natasha McBroom reports.

:55 - Package

Richard Stahl - Planning Commission

10/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**MATTHEWS BAND** 

Presidential candidates are campaigning hard after last night's debate. An eleven-state concert tour tonight in State College is aimed at rallying young people to go to the polls in November and vote for change.

:44 - VO

10/1/04, 11 PM, Friday Denise Douglas

DMB VOTE

An estimated 15,000 turned out for tonight's "Vote For Change" concert at the Bryce Jordan Center in State College. How did those attending feel about the political flavor? Denise Douglas reports. 1:08 – Package

Nicole Bender – Attending concert Ryan Hanes – Attending concert

10/1/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

THE YOUTH VOTE

Celebrities are spouting catchy slogans in an effort to mobilize the youth vote. It is projected to be a very close election, and the youth may make a difference. Celebrities think that the youth vote will go to Kerry. Lisa Stofko reports on if there is a division among youth.

1:44 - Package

Gimel Rogers – Age 17 Katherine Lee – Age 17 Don Savage – Civics Teacher Stephan Gandossi – Age 18

Patrick Swindall - Age 17

Tim Reitz - Age 17

10/1/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**SWIFT BOAT CAPTAIN** 

A former Navy captain who served with Senator John Kerry rallied for his friend today in Johnstown.

:46 - VO/SOT

Wade Sanders – Retired Navy Captain

10/4/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sara Burget

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Today was the last day to register to vote in the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election. People lined voter registration offices in our area. How are the offices handling all the activity, and will all the paper work be processed in time? Sara Burget reports.

:54 - Package

Fred Smith – Cambria County Voter Registration Joyce McKinley – Centre County Voter Registration

10/4/04, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

**PA RECOUNT** 

Democrats in the State house introduces legislation today that would force a recount of votes in the November election if the margin of victory for any candidate is .5% or less.

:50 - VO/SOT

Rep. Louise Bishop - (D) Philadelphia

10/4/04, 6 PM, Monday Denise Douglas

**POLITICAL ISSUES** 

The Vice-Presidential candidates will debate tomorrow night. Viewers in our region are weighing in on what issues they think the candidates should be focusing on. Denise Douglas reports. 1:13 – Package

Diane Wirtz – Undecided voter Albert Palm – Undecided voter

10/5/04, 5 / 6 1 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

**ELECTION PREPS** 

The presidential race is a heated one and many areas across the state are reporting the highest voter registration in years. State legislators are proposing recount ideas and legislation defining what constitutes a vote to make the process smoother. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:11 - Package

Donna Cority – Blair County Commissioner Shirley Crowl – Director of Elections

10/5/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Denise Douglas

**PSU DEBATE** 

While Vice-Presidential candidates debated tonight, Penn State students held their own debate of the issues. Groups there argued everything from national security to education. Denise Douglas reports.

:42 - Package

Nick Klein – Young Americans for Freedom Robert Arcamona – College Democrats Darryl Watson – Bamn Bronwyn Lehman – Student Amy Scwartz - Student Scott Mullner- Student

10/5/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

**GET INFORMED** 

The Windber Library at UPJ hosted a political series tonight to encourage people to learn more about the election process.

:44 - VO/SOT

Mark Parker – Guest speaker

10/6/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

**MURTHA CHENEY** 

When the Vice presidential candidates were debating last night, Dick Cheney mentioned Jack Murtha's name in reference to working together in a bipartisan way. Bipartisanism under the Bush administration has been suffering.

:46 - VO/SOT

Rep. Jack Murtha - (D) 12th District

10/7/04, 5 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

**REGISTRATION GRANT** 

The record number of voter registrations this year have election office workers putting in overtime. Now their asking the state for extra help so they can be done on time. Gary Sinderson reports.

:55 - Package

Joyce McKinley - Centre County Election Director

10/8/04, 5 PM, Friday Denise Douglas

**POLLSTER SPEAKS** 

As Election Day draws near, polls continue to report survey results of the tight Presidential race. Do the numbers have an impact on voters? Denise Douglas reports.

1:15 - Package

James Clifton - Callup Organization

10/8/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

**VOTER TURNOUT** 

We've told you about the recent surge in voter registration in the area, but experts agree that getting those newly registered voters to the polls is not an easy matter.

:48 - VO/SOT

Sheldon Gawiser - NBC Director of Elections

10/8/04, 6 PM, Friday Denise Douglas

**DEBATE PREVIEW** 

In less that 3 hours, the presidential candidates will take to the stage for their 2<sup>nd</sup> debate of the campaign season. Will local folks be watching? Denise Douglas asked around.

1:03 – Package

Betsy Wyper – Plans to watch debate

Lisa Burns - Plans to watch debate

10/11/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

**BUSH EVENT** 

Blair Countians probably thought they'd never see former Congressional candidate Michael DelGrosso and Congressman Bill Shuster standing side by side, but today they joined forces in support of President Bush.

:38 - VO/SOT

Sen. Robert Jubelier - (R) 30th District

Michael Delgrosso - Former GOP candidate

10/11/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

**CORBETT VISIT** 

The republican candidate for Attorney General in Pennsylvania stopped in Johnstown today to unveil his plan for safe communities.

:41 - VO/SOT

Tom Corbett - (R) Atty, General Candidate

10/11/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Denise Douglas

**HARVARD VOTE PUSH** 

The Harvard Vote Campaign is trying to remind students that they have a choice to vote and be part of the process with a t-shirt campaign. Denise Douglas reports that college students don't always follow through and vote.

1:00 - Package

Leslie Bishop – student

10/12/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** 

With just 3 weeks to Election Day, the State Court has still not ruled on whether Ralph Nader qualified to be on the ballot in Pennsylvania. So absetee ballots are going out with his name on them. But one politician argues that those who vote for him on absentee ballots may lose their voice if the court decides to remove his name.

:51 - VO/SOT

Donna Gority - Blair County Commissioner

10/13/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

NADER OFF BALLOT

A state court has knocked Ralph Nader off Pennsylvania's voting ballot today, citing thousands of fraudulent signatures on his nominating petitions. Katie Collett reports on what effect this will have on the election.

1:04 - Package

Robert Gleason -GOP State Committee

10/13/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**MURTHA ON DEBATES** 

Local congressman John Murtha says the debates are really helping Americans to see who the candidates are and what they stand for.

:35 - VO/SOT

Rep. John Murtha - ( D ) 12th District

10/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

**DEBATE REACTION** 

Many experts say this year's presidential debates have been a real help to voters in making up their minds. We asked people in our area if they were sayed by what they saw & heard.

:41 - VO/SOT

Martha Patrick - Voting for Bush

Jessica Barstow - Voting for Bush

Chris Cramer - Voting Socialist

Robert Arcamona - College Democrats

10/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

**VOTE SWAPPING** 

There's a new voting trend this year, where John Kerry supporters swap votes with those voting for third-party candidates in states that aren't highly contested in the presidential race. Is it right? Katie Collett reports,

1:10 - Package

Sen. John Edwards - (D) VP candidate

Ray Wrabley - Political Scientist

10/15/04, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**CHENEY COST** 

More than a month after President Bush came to Johnstown, Vice-President Dick Cheney is making a stop to campaign. With the tremendous costs of the first visit by Bush to deal with, how will the city pay for yet another visit?

1:14 - VO/SOT

Chief Craig Foust - Johnstown Police

10/18/04, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

**POLL WATCHERS** 

There is growing concern that Pennsylvania could end up like Florida in the last Presidential election, with voting results being challenges in court. The problem may stem from the potential confusion of various types of voting systems.

:48 - VO/SOT

Jovce McKinley - Centre County Election Director

10/18/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

**BLAIR BALLOTS** 

The decision on whether Ralph Naders name should appear on the ballot in Pennsylvania delayed many counties in getting ballots printed and getting absentee ballots mailed out. Blair County workers are putting in overtime to make the deadline tomorrow. Natasha McBroom reports. 1:20 – Package

Linda Burns - Director Voter Registration

10/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM,

Monday

Mark Allen

**CHENEY REAX** 

Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife hosted a Town Hall meeting today in Johnstown, reinforcing what has been the foundation of President Bush's bid for re-election, winning the war on terror. Mark Allen reports.

1:33- Package

Rob Gleason - Cambria County Republicans

10/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11

PM.

Monday

Marty Radovanic

**VP PROTESTORS** 

Kerry-Edwards supporters gathered in front of the Pasquerilla Conference Center today to voice their displeasure with the current administration.

:45 - VO/SOT

John Bray - Protestor

Ernie Esposito - Protestor

10/19/04,

5:30

PM,

Tuesday

Jen Kallin

**ENDORSEMENT FIGHT** 

One side of Altoona City Council came out in favor of President Bush today while the other side said they back Kerry. Now many wonder if they will be able to function as a unit for the city.

:30 - VO/SOT

Joe Rieker - Altoona City Council

10/19/04,

5. PM,

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

MURTHA

As a commitment to the election process, WJAC-TV offered all federal and state candidates 5:00 of free access to tell you why you should vote for them. Tonight we hear from the candidate for the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

5:00 - Package

John Murtha - (D) 12th District

10/19/04,

11

Tuesday

Katie Collett

**KERRY STEPSON** 

Senator John Kerry's stepson was at UPJ this evening to drum up support and encourage young people to vote. Katie Collett reports.

:56 - Package

Carrie Khron - UPJ Student

Andre Heinz - Kerry's Stepson

10/19/04, 5:30

PM,

PM.

Tuesday

**Gary Sinderson** 

**DRAFT ISSUE** 

Despite repeated denials from President Bush, the status of reinstating a military draft remains a hot issue this election. Today, the head of the Bush campaign for Pennsylvania discussed the draft debate in State College. Gary Sinderson.

:40 - Package

Sen. Rick Santorum - (R) Pennsylvania

10/20/04,

PM,

Wednesday

Marty Radovanic

**PETERS** 

As a commitment to the election process, WJAC-TV offered all federal and state candidates 5:00 of free access to tell you why you should vote for them. Tonight we hear from the candidate for Auditor General.

4:44 - Package

Joe Peters - Candidate for Auditor General

10/20/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

**CLYMER HOEFFEL** 

Today, Congressman Joe Hoeffel chose the Discovery Center to challenge Arlen Spector defend his record.

:41 - VO/SOT

Rep. Joe Hoeffel - (D) Senate Candidate

10/21/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

**JACK WAGNER** 

As a commitment to the election process, WJAC-TV offered all federal and state candidates 5:00 of free access to tell you why you should vote for them. Tonight we hear from the candidate for Auditor General.

5:00 - Package

Jack Wagner - (D) Auditor General candidate

10/21/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

TREASURER DEBATE

The two candidates running for State Treasurer squared off this morning in Altoona over the issues. The debate centered on how each candidate would watch over the state's money; both had completely different ideas.

:52 - VO/SOT

Jean Craige Pepper - Republican candidate

Robert Casey, Jr. - Auditor General

10/21/04, 5 /6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

**CLARK FOR KERRY** 

Just after Vice-President Dick Cheney visited Johnstown, the Democrats have brought in one of their top guns to stump for Senator Kerry. Retired General Wesley Clark told supporters that Kerry would be a better Commander and Chief. Katie Collett reports.

:51 - Package

Wesley Clark - Retired General

10/21/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

**REG SCAM** 

Back in September, the IUP campus was hit by a registration scam that is just now being discovered. Students signing petitions to legalize the medicinal use of marijuana ware registered as Republican voters. Sara Burget reports.

1:13 - Package

Donna Hoover – Chief Registrar

Michael Rentko - I.U.P. student

Courtney Cullen - victim of registration scam

10/21/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Dave Roush

**BALLOT COSTS** 

With Ralph Nader's name no longer allowed to appear on the Pennsylvania ballot, several counties are finding it expensive to make the correction. A handout instructing voters not to vote for Mr. Nader except as a write-in candidate were ruled illegal. Dave Roush reports.

1:20 - Package

Jim Dennison - Jefferson County Solicitor

10/21/04, 11 PM, Thursday Denise Douglas

**CANDIDATES DEBATE** 

Tonight, candidates running for the State House of Representatives turned the focus to local issues tonight. Denise Douglas reports on the debate that seamed centered on environmental issues. :57 – Package

Jon Eich – Democratic challenger

Lynn Herman - (R) State Representative

10/22/04, 5 / 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Bill Brown

**KERRY RECAP** 

Senator John Kerry spoke with Channel 6 News today about the top issues for the keystone state. He said health care, homeland security, and jobs tops the list of concerns. Bill Brown reports. :50 – Package

Sen. John Kerry - Presidential nominee

10/22/04, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**UNIFIED VOTE METHOD** 

With different methods of voting in Pennsylvania, from paper ballots to electronic machines, there's growing worries about election day confusion. :36 – VO/SOT

10/22/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovania

**NEGATIVE DISCOURSE** 

What kind of impact is the increasingly negative tone of the presidential campaign having? Does it make more of a difference for the younger voters?

.42 – VO/SOT

Bob Shepard - Centre County Dem. Chairman

10/22/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**TOM CORBETT** 

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2:20 - Package

Tom Corbett - Attorny General candidate

10/22/04. 5 PM. Friday Marty Radovanic

**GALLACHER & MOORE** 

While Michael Moore is bringing his anti-Bush message to Penn State tonight, conservative radio host Michael Gallagher did his nationally syndicated show from State College today. :37 – VO/SOT

Mike Gallagher Talk

10/22/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**MOORE PREP** 

Protesters are expected to greet film-maker Michael Moore when he makes his appearance in State College tonight.

:41 - VO/SOT

Debra Buchanan – Moore supporter

10/22/04, 11 PM, Friday Denise Douglas

#### **PSU RALLIES**

Liberal film maker Michael Moore rallied voters on one side of Penn State's campuswhile conservative radio host Mike Gallagher did the same on the other side. Denise Douglas reports. :47 – Package

Michael Moore - Film-maker

10/25/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

#### **PAUL POLITIS**

As a commitment to the election process, WJAC-TV offered all federal and state candidates 5:00 of free access to tell you why you should vote for them. Tonight we hear from a candidate for Congress in the Ninth District.

4:13 - Package

Paul Politis - Ninth District Candidate

10/25/04, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

#### **GET OUT THE VOTE**

Senator Arlen Specter was scheduled to speak to union members this morning, but the Johnstown airport was fogged in and he was unable to fly in. However, labor leaders say that the Senator has their support. Sara Burget reports.

:59 - Package

Casey Kilroy - Specter supporter

10/25/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

#### **MILITARY BALLOTS**

Some Republican lawmakers are accusing the Rendell administration of suppressing military votes by not extending the deadline to accept overseas military ballots. Mark Allen reports. 1:09 – Package

Ed Rendell - PA Governor

10/25/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

#### **CONEMAUGH CONSOLIDATION**

On election day, residents in Daisytown Borough and East Taylor Township will decide if they will still be a part of consolidation efforts to bring together 5 communities. The referendum involves \$60,000 in more grant money.

1:11 - VO/SOT

Rose Hummel – East Taylor Supervisor

Terry Havener - E. Conemaugh Borough

10/25/04, 6 PM, Monday Sara Burget

#### PORTAGE CONSOLIDATION

Residents of Portage and Portage Township are being asked if they want to consolidate. The move would make them eligible for community block grants and lower taxes.

:44 - VO/SOT

Emil Branas - For Consolidation

Nora Kauruter - Against Consolidation

10/25/04, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

#### **CATHOLIC POSITIONS**

Catholic bishops across the nation released a statement today on human sexuality. Local leaders say it is not meant to sway voters, just answer questions. :53 – VO/SOT

Bishop Joseph Adamec – Altoona-Johnstown Diocese

10/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, T

Tuesday

Mark Allen

**MILITARY BALLOTS** 

The controversy in Pennsylvania surrounding overseas military ballots has Repulicans stirred up. Gov. Rendell said he would need to see evidence that the ballots were mailed too late before he would ask the courts to extend the deadline for soldier's votes. Mark Allen reports. 1:15 – Package

Donna Gority - (D) Blair Commissioner

James Geibig - Brother in military

Raymond Lenz - Korean War Veteran

10/26/04, 5 / 6

PM,

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic & Sara Burget

MOORE MARCH

Student and community members in Indiana are holding a protest march against Michael Moore's visit to the IUP campus. They say his movie "Farenheit 9/11" is full of lies and misconceptions. :53 – VO/SOT

Rhonda Goodrich - Protest organizer

10/26/04, 11

PM,

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

**MOORE SPEECH** 

Close to 1,000 students packed the IUP field house to hear from Michael Moore and see clips from his controversial film. He is backing Sen. John Kerry for President. :59 – VO/SOT

Michael Moore - Farenheit 9/11

10/26/04, 11 PM, **MOORE IUP PROTESTORS** 

Tuesday Katie Collett

College Republicans and community members of Indiana greeted Michael Moore with a protest. Katie Collett reports.

:58 - Package

Matt Sircely - Kerry supporter

Rhonda Goodrich - Bush supporter

10/26/04, 11 PM, **PETERSON FOR BUSH** 

Tuesday Marty Radovanic

Representative John Peterson criticized John Kerry today, saying he has not proved himself as an effective leader.

:30 - VO/SOT

Rep. John Peterson - (R) 5th District

10/26/04, 5

PM, Tuesday

**Gary Sinderson** 

**NEW VOTERS** 

It is only a week to go til the election, and many counties are scrambling to make sure all the new voter registrations are processed. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:38 – Package

10/26/04. 5:30

PM.

Tuesday

Ron Allen

**ELECTION PREPS** 

What can you do to make sure your vote counts when you go to the polls? Ron Allen has some answers on marking your ballot correctly.

1:31 - Package

Kay Maxwell - League of Women Voters

DeForest Soaries - U.S. Election Asst. Comm.

10/26/04, 5:30 PM.

Tuesday

Sara Burget

**CLEAR WINNER** 

There's a new poll out today from the Associated Press that shows 60 percent of those surveyed feel it is unlikely there will be a clear winner of the Presidential election on November 3rd. :48 - VO/SOT

Ray Wrabley - Political analyst

10/26/04.

PM.

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

**BILL SHUSTER** 

As a commitment to the election process, WJAC-TV offered all federal and state candidates 5:00 of free access to tell you why you should vote for them. Tonight we hear from Representative Bill Shuster who is running for re-election.

3:07 - Package

Rep. Bill Shuster - (R) Ninth District

10/26/04. 11 PM.

Tuesday

Marty Radovanic

**DICK GEPHARDT** 

Former House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt was in Johnstown today touting John Kerry as the best man to lead the country.

:41 - VO/SOT

Dick Gephardt - Kerry campaign

10/27/04. 5:30

PM.

Wednesday Gary Sinderson

**POLLWATCH FLAP** 

Everyone from the Governor to political parties are sending their own poll watchers to monitor the election. Gary Sinderson reports.

:36 - VO

10/27/04.

PM. Wednesday Marty Radovanic

11 HARPER SUPPORT

Governor Rendell was joined today on the campaign trail by actress Valerie Harper who rebuffed criticism that she was using her fame as an actress to benefit John Kerry.

:42 - VO/SOT

Valerie Harper - Actress

10/27/04, 5/6 PM.

Wednesday

Mark Allen

**RENDELL VISIT** 

Governor Rendell was in Blair County today, campaigning for John Kerry, But he was greeted by people not happy with his handling of the absentee ballots for the military. Mark Allen reports that many families feel their military sons and daughters are being purposely disenfranchised of their vote.

:59 - Package

Tom Robinson - Father of soldier

10/27/04.

PM.

Wednesday

Katie Collett

11 **SOLDIER LAWSUIT** 

Ed Rendell and the Secretary of State Pedro Cortes are facing a federal lawsuit filed today by two servicemen serving in Iraq & Kuwait. Katie Collett reports that the soldiers want the same privilege they are helping the people of

Iraq gain, the right to vote.

1:05 - Package

Rep. Curt Weldon - (R) 7th District

10/27/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

#### **POLITICAL PHONE CALLS**

Many of you have received phone calls with an electronic message asking you to vote for a specific candidate. Political calls are exempt from the "Do Not Call" list. Katie Collett reports that there is nothing you can do to get them to stop.

:50 - Package

Dr. Joe Melusky - Political Scientist

Robert Findley - Tired of Campaign Calls

10/28/04, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Congressman John Murtha says everyone's vote should count in the November election. But will votes coming from servicemen and women overseas have much of an impact? Katie Collett reports. :37 – VO/SOT

Rep. John Murtha - (D) 12th District

10/4/04, 5/6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

#### SIGNS STOLEN

The stealing of election yard signs appears to be a common practice this year. It is illegal. :39 – VO/SOT

John Urban - Blair County Republican Chair

10/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

#### **MILITARY BALLOTS**

A Blair County serviceman has Joined in a lawsuit against Gov. Ed Rendell and Secretary of State Pedro Cortes, saying they failed to properly distribute overseas ballots according to Federal and State rules.

:41 - VO/SOT

Tom Robison - Son in Military

10/28/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Dave Roush

#### **DUBOIS MOCK VOTE**

School districts across the state are using this presidential election as a civics lesson to teach kids that when they are 18, they have a responsibility to vote and participate in our democracy. Dave Roush reports.

1:04 - Package

Greg Reese - Principal

10/28/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Denise Douglas

#### **GLORIA STEINEM**

Gloria Steinem, an icon in the feminist movement, visited Penn State to rally women to get out and vote on election day. Denise Douglas reports on her speech.

:44 - VO/SOT

Gloria Steinem – Activist

10/28/04, 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

#### LIBERAL CATHOLICS

An organization of liberal Catholics is challenging the Catholic Bishops' statement regarding their take on same sex marriages. They believe you should base your vote on more than one issue. Katie Collett reports.

1:08 - Package

Father Kevin Queally - Pax Christi

10/28/04, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

**HOWARD DEAN VISIT** 

Howard Dean was on the campaign trail at Penn State today, stumping for John Kerry.

Howard Dean – Former presidential candidate

10/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Denise Douglas

**BUSH VISIT** 

Former President George H. W. Bush visited State College today where he lashed out a John Kerry. Denise Douglas reports.

:52 - Package

Rep. John Peterson - (R) 5th District

10/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**KERRY BACKERS DENIED** 

Some people with tickets to see former President Bush speak in State College were turned away when they showed up with Kerry signs.

:32 - VO/SOT

Heather Widdeen - Turned away at door

10/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

**POLITICAL SHOWDOWN** 

After former President Bush spoke today in State College, there were heated exchanges outside the rally between supporters and Kerry fans. The University Police had to intervene. :40 – VO/SOT

10/29/04, 6 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

**PA SWING STATE** 

Sophia Wharton reports on the importance of Pennsylvania's electoral votes in the race for the White House.

1:21 - Package

Dr. Joe Mulusky – Political Analyst Sen. Robert Jubelirer – (R) 30<sup>th</sup> District

10/29/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

**HOW TO VOTE** 

With nearly 33,000 new voters in our area, Channel 6 News decided to report on the voting process so new voters would understand what they need to do. Natasha McBroom explains it all. 1:20 – Package

Shirley Crowl – Director of Elections

10/29/04. 5 / 6 PM. Friday Marty Radovanic

**MILITARY BALLOTS** 

The parents of two soldiers stationed overseas agreed to settle their Federal absentee-ballot lawsuit against Ed Rendell after he agreed to extend the deadline. But a Blair County family and the Republican State Committee are going to challenge the new deadline.

1:02 – VO/SOT

Ed Rendell - PA Covernor

Tom Yewcic - (D) 72nd District

10/29/04, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic **MILITARY BALLOTS** 

For a second time in less than 12 hours, Gov. Ed Rendell has agreed to extend the deadline for absentee ballots. Now the deadline is Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

:50 - VO/SOT

Ed Rendell - PA Governor

### **ELECTION ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER**

**PA Senatorial Debate** 

10/2/04

Host: Various

Four candidates for the position of U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania debated the issues posed by various media representatives. The debate took place on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Philadelphia,

PA for tape-delay broadcast.

Show #: 2004 Debate

Syndicator: Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters

PA Senatorial Debate

10/9/04

Host: Various

Four candidates for the position of U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania debated the issues posed by various media representatives. The debate took place on Oct. 9th in Pittsburgh,

PA for tape-delay broadcast.

Show #: 2004 Debate

Syndicator: Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters

### **ELECTION ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER**

Channel 6 News Special Report: Decision 2004

10/30/04

Channel 6 News reports on information that voters need to know before they go to the polls. Issues covered included how to mark your ballot, provisional ballots, and how the Electoral College works. Spokemen from both the Democratic and Republican parties appeared to once again explain the positions of their candidates on the issues.

Show #: Decision 2004

Produced by WJAC-TV

11/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

**SPECTER VISIT** 

Senator Arlen Specter made a last minute visit across the state today and voiced concern about the integrity of the election.

:45 - VO/SOT

Sen. Arlen Specter - (R) Pennsylvania

11/1/04, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

**CORBETT RALLY** 

Tom Corbett was in Blair County tonight to tell people why he should be the next Attorney General. :34 – VO/SOT

Rep. Rick Geist - (R) 79th District

11/1/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

**VOLUNTEERS' LAST DAY** 

It's down-to-the –wire in the Presidential election and both candidates are battling for last minute votes. They're counting on volunteers to pull them to victory. Mark Allen reports on how the volunteers feel about the huge job they've been given.

1:01 - Package

Lisa Kramer - Democrat

Kathy Ziegler - Republican

11/1/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Sara Burget

**BLIND VOTING** 

How do you vote if you're blind? Is it difficult? Sara Burget reports.

1:14 - Package

Robin Stemple - Somerset County Blind Center

11/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

**VOTING MACHINES** 

Today, election workers in Centre County are trying to get equipment ready for tomorrow's vote. They know it is going to be a long election day and the equipment needs to work perfectly.

:37 - VO/SOT

Jerry Holderman - Centre County Election Dept.

11/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

**LAST MINUTE PREPS** 

Volunteers in Centre County for both Democrats and Republicans went door to door today, handing out campaign information and urging people to go to the polls tomorrow.

:39 - VO/SOT

Mary McClanhan Centre County Democratic Party

GT Thompson - Centre County GOP

11/1/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Katie Collett

**CATHOLIC CONSERVATIVES** 

Ads in local newspapers asking Catholic voters to vote-focus on more than just the abortion issue and vote their conscience on Tuesday are generating a response from many other faiths coming together. Katie Collett reports.

1:27 - Package

Rev. Gary Dull - Faith Baptist Church

### WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: ELECTION ISSUES .... NOVEMBER

11/1/04, 6 PM, Monday Sara Burget

#### **ELECTORAL TUTORIAL**

How does the Electoral College work and what does it mean for President Bush and John Kerry? Sara Burget gives the details.

:58 - Package

Cheryl Artman - Government expert

11/1/04, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

#### **TOM ROBISON**

A Cambria County man wants the deadline for military ballots pushed back to December  $2^{nd}$ .: 45 – VO/SOT

Tom Robison - Father of soldier

11/1/04, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

#### **ELECTION CHARGES**

A lawsuit has been filed against the nine members of the Pennsylvania Board of Elections after some lawmakers visiting a prison witnessed two inmates with absentee ballots. :30 – VO

11/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Dave Roush

#### **SPECTER MONEY**

A Christian radio station in DuBois is taking a stand against Sen. Arlen Specter because of his position favoring abortion. Dave Roush reports.

1:27 – Package

Dan Brownlee - President, WDBA-FM

11/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Dave Roush

#### SYSTEM COMPLAINTS

Poll watchers have been out all day in full force trying to prevent election fraud. But in DuBois, they are experiencing problems with their new identification process. Dave Roush reports. :45 – Package

Diane Bernardo - Election judge

11/2/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

#### **PORTAGE CONSOLIDATION**

Those living in Portage and Portage Township are deciding today on a consolidation referendum. Sara Burget reports on opinions there today. 1:07 – VO

11/2/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

#### **BUSH KERRY RALLY**

Students at Penn State were still trying to rally voters who were undecided today. Cary Sinderson reports on campus activity and a new participation by college students. :48 – Package

11/2/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

#### **PROVISIONAL BALLOT**

With a record number of voters expected this year, are the polls prepared for them? Katie Collett found out that when her name wasn't on the list, poll people had difficulty finding a provisional ballot.

:49 - Package

11/2/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

#### **CONEMAUCH TOWNSHIP POLITICS**

Young people 18 – 25 are less likely to vote than any other age group. Yet they're the ones who will live longest with decisions voters make. Conemaugh Township schools are teaching students there how to be involved before they can vote. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:38 - Package

Hannah Phenicie – 12th Grade

Joan Williamson - Government teacher

Becky Ott – 9<sup>th</sup> Grader

Heather Griffith - 12th Grader

11/2/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

#### FIRST TIME VOTERS

Record number of people registered locally to vote in this election. Why? Sophia Wharton reports. :51 – Package

Andrea Fenimore - Clerk Inspector

Sean Logan - First time voter

11/2/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

#### **VOTER TURNOUT**

For the first time that anyone can remember, local voters had to stand in line to vote. Were poll places not well prepared? Mark Allen reports.

Anrea Fenimore – Poll worker

11/2/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Denise Douglas

#### **WAITING IN LINE**

In State College, some voters had to wait up to two hours to cast their vote. What was the problem there? Denise Douglas reports.

:49 - Package

Steve Lucey - Student

11/2/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

#### LAKEMONT DISTURBANCE

The polls were packed in Blair County today, and that led to some disagreements. Police had to be called when some pushing and shoving occurred. Natasha McBroom reports.

:51 - Package

John Urban - Bush supporter

Dick DiFolco - Kerry supporter

11/2/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

#### CONSOLIDATION

Whether or not 5 Johnstown neighbors continue consolidation efforts is being decided on the ballot today. Sara Burget reports on this question. 1:04 – Live

11/2/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

#### **MILITARY BALLOTS**

Even though Pennsylvania's deadline for accepting overseas military ballots has been extended, one man says it's not enough time.

:34 - VO